

MC 320 Politics, Society, and Economy in the Third World

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Course Information

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Course Description

This course explores the changing dynamics of political, economic, and social development in the countries of Asia, Latin America, and Africa, variously referred to as “developing,” “under-developed,” “less developed,” “the Global South,” or the “Third World.” The main objectives of this course are: 1) to introduce you to some of the key concepts and theoretical perspectives in the study of the developing world; 2) to deepen your understanding of the divergent development experiences in various regions of the world; and 3) to develop your ability to analyze the new challenges that face developing countries in the era of globalization.

The course is divided into five sections. In the first part of this course, we will discuss the meanings and their historical evolution of key concepts, such as “Third World,” “development,” “poverty,” and “inequality.” We will seek to answer several questions: What explains the rise and fall of the Third World? Why and how did the idea of “development” emerge as a central goal that many national governments pursued in the postwar era? How do we measure poverty and inequality? Why do they matter? In the second part of the course, we will explore the main theoretical approaches to the study of the developing world. We will also examine different development strategies that developing countries have adopted. In the third section of the course, we will focus on domestic dimensions of political, economic, and social development in the developing world. The fourth section of the course will be devoted to group presentations of case studies to deepen your understanding of the main themes covered in the earlier sections of the course. In the last section of the course, we will explore the impact of globalization on developing countries.

Required Texts

- Vicky Randall and Peter Burnell, *Politics in the Developing World* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005) (R&B).
- Brian C. Smith, *Understanding Third World Politics*. (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2003).
- Philip McMichael, *Development and Social Change: A Global Perspective*, 3rd ed. (Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge, 2004).
- Amartya Sen, *Development as Freedom* (New York: Knopf, 1999).
- Joseph Stiglitz, *Making Globalization Work* (New York: W. W. Norton, 2006).

Recommended Texts

- John Rapley, *Understanding Development: Theory and Practice in the Third World*, 3rd ed. (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Pub, 2007).

* All the required books are available for purchase at the area bookstores. They are also on reserve at the university library.

Requirements

- 1. Class Participation and Attendance:** Attendance is required for this course. You are permitted two excused absences from class during the semester without penalty to your grade; each additional absence will require a doctor's report, police report, etc. Each student is expected to complete the required readings BEFORE CLASS and to participate actively in class discussion. Class participation is measured by the quality of your contributions to the class discussion.
- 2. Exams:** There will be two in-class exams. Both exams will test your understanding of class readings and class lectures/discussions. Each exam will consist of ID questions (i.e., identification of key concepts, events, and people, etc), short answers, and essays. No make-up exams will be given without your doctor's note.
- 3. Case Studies / Group Presentations:** Each student will select one country from Case Studies that appear in Chapters 16-21 (except Chapter 19) of the Burnell & Randall book (i.e., Indonesia, South Africa, India, Saudi Arabia, Chile, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Pakistan, Mexico, Guatemala, and South Korea). A group of about three students will be assigned to report on one country. These presentations should include the country's brief historical and geographic background, a discussion of the relevant themes/issues that are covered in the previous sections of the course (e.g. state-building, state collapse, democratization, ethnic conflict, military intervention, etc), and theoretical implications of the case study. Each student is also required to answer one question from the list of questions at the end of the chapter and write your answer in a 3-5 page paper (typed

and double-spaced). You need to upload your answer to ANGEL by 9:00pm the day before your presentation.

4. Research Project:

- a. **Proposal:** You may choose a topic of your interest related to the themes of this seminar, but the topic must be approved by the instructor. You are highly encouraged to meet with me by the end of September. You will be required to submit a proposal at the beginning of the class on **October 2**. The proposal should be 2-3 pages long, not counting the initial bibliography, and include your research question, tentative answer(s) to the question, the basic structure of the paper, and the initial selected bibliography. This assignment will not be graded. However, failure to submit this assignment will result in losing 0.5 point of your final grade for the term paper on a 4.0 scale (i.e. 4.0 to 3.5).
- b. **Oral Presentation:** You will give a 6-7 minute presentation on your research project, including the main question that your research addresses, the significance of the research, your argument, evidence that supports your argument, and what conclusions can be drawn from your study.
- c. **First Draft (Optional):** You are highly encouraged to submit the first draft of the research paper. The draft paper should be at least 8-10 pages (12-point font and double-spaced). It is due on **November 13**.
- d. **Final Paper:** The final draft should be 12-15 pages (12-point font, and double-spaced). There should be a separate front page with the title of the paper, your name, and an e-mail address. You should insert page numbers on every page, except the first. Writing style will be also considered in grading the paper. It is due at the beginning of the class on **November 27**. For each day your paper is late, your grade will be deducted by 0.5.

Grades

Final grades will be based on the following criteria:

Participation:	15%
Case Study Group Presentation	10%
Case Study Question	5%
Midterm Exam:	20%
Final Exam:	20%
Research Paper:	20%
Research Presentation:	10%

Key Dates

- October 18: Mid-term Exam
- November 13: First draft due at the start of class (Optional)
- November 27: Paper due at the start of class
- December 10: Final exam

Honors Option

You may receive honors credit by completing the following assignments:

- Write a longer research paper (20-25 pages).
- Write a 4-6 page book review of Jeffrey Sachs, *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time* (New York: Penguin Books, 2005).

Academic Integrity

JMC and MSU policies on academic integrity and plagiarism will be strictly enforced in this course. See the JMC's student Handbook section, Standard and Expectations, and the MSU's policies on plagiarism available in the following link:

<http://www.msu.edu/unit/ombud/plagiarism.html>

Students with Disabilities

If you have a disability that requires special testing accommodations or other classroom modifications, you need to notify both the instructor and the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD) (<http://www.rcpd.msu.edu/Home/>). To notify the Center, call (517)353-9642. The Center is located in 120 Bessey Hall. You may be asked to provide documentation of your disability to determine the appropriateness of accommodations.

Note: This syllabus is subject to minor changes at the instructor's discretion.

Course Schedule and Readings

Introduction

August 28: Course Overview

- No Reading

CONCEPTS

August 30: What is the Third World?

- Smith, “The Idea of a ‘Third World’,” pp. 1-21.
- Peter Burnell and Vicky Randall, “Introduction,” in B&R, pp. 1-7.

Recommended

- Mark T. Berger, “After the Third World? History, Destiny and the Fate of Third Worldism,” *Third World Quarterly* 25(1) (2004), pp. 9-39.
- B. R. Tomlinson, “What Was the Third World?” *Journal of Contemporary History* 38(2) (2003), pp. 307-321.
- Mark T. Berger, “The End of the ‘Third World’?” *Third World Quarterly* 15(2) (1994), pp. 257-275.
- Vicky Randall, “Using and Abusing the Concept of the Third World: Geopolitics and the Comparative Political Study of Development and Underdevelopment,” *Third World Quarterly* 25(1) (2004), pp. 41-53.

September 4: What is Development? The Rise of the Development Project

- Philip McMichael, “Introduction,” pp. xxiii-xxxix.
- Philip McMichael, “Instituting the Development Project,” Chapter 1, pp. 2-38.
- Philip McMichael, “The Development Project: International Dimensions,” Chapter 2, pp. 39-71.

Recommended

- Peter Evans and John D. Stephens, “Studying Development since the Sixties: The Emergence of a New Comparative Political Economy,” *Theory and Society* 17(5) (1988), pp. 713-745.
- Jan Nederveen Pieterse, “After Post-Development,” *Third World Quarterly* 21(2) (2000), pp. 175-190.

September 6: Development as Freedom

- Amartya Sen, *Development as Freedom*, Introduction, Chapters 1-4, pp. 3-86.

Recommended

- William Easterly, "The Ideology of Development," *Foreign Policy* 150 (July/August 2007), pp. 31-35.

September 11: Poverty and Inequality

- Jeffrey Sachs, "Exclusive Book Excerpt: The End of Poverty," *Time* March 14, 2005, Available at:
http://www.earthinstitute.columbia.edu/endofpoverty/document/time_031405.pdf
- Amartya Sen, "Poverty as Capability Deprivation," Chapter 4, pp. 87-110.
- Amartya Sen, "Markets, State and Social Opportunity," Chapter 5, pp. 111-145.
- Jenny Pearce, "Inequality," B&R, Chapter 4, pp. 59-73.

Recommended

- Jeffrey Sachs, *The End of Poverty* (New York: The Penguin Press, 2006).
- World Bank, <http://www.worldbank.org/html/extdr/thematic.htm> (Go to Poverty > Poverty Analysis > Overview)
- Martin Feldstein, "Reducing Poverty, Not Inequality," *Public Interest* 137 (Fall 1999), pp. 33-41.
- Caterina Ruggeri Landerchi, Ruhi Saith, and Frances Stewart, "Does It Matter that We Do Not Agree on the Definition of Poverty? A Comparison of Four Approaches," *Oxford Development Studies* 31(3) (2003), pp. 243-274.

THEORY AND PRACTICE

September 13: Analytic Approaches

- Vicky Randall, "Analytical Approaches to the Study of Politics in the Developing World," in B&R, Chapter 1, pp. 11-25.
- Stephen Hobden, "The Developing World in the Global Economy," in B&R, Chapter 2, pp. 27-41.
- Stephen Hobden, "The Developing World in International Politics," in B&R, Chapter 3, pp. 42-56.

September 18: Modernization Theories

- Smith, "Modernization and Political Development," pp. 44-74.

Recommended

- Adam Przeworski and Fernando Limongi, “Modernization: Theories and Facts,” *World Politics* 49(2) (1997), pp. 155-183.
- Frances Hagopian, “Political Development, Revisited,” *Comparative Political Studies* 33(6/7) (2000), pp. 880-910.

September 20: Dependency Theory

- Smith, “Neo-Colonialism and Dependency,” pp. 75-107.

Recommended

- Raymond D. Duvall. “Dependence and Dependencia Theory: Notes Toward Precision of Concept and Argument,” *International Organization* 32(1) (Winter 1978), pp. 51-78.
- Howard J. Wiarda. “Toward Consensus in Interpreting Latin American Politics: Developmentalism, Dependency and ‘The Latin American Tradition’,” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 34(2) (Summer 1999), pp. 50-69.

September 25: Development Strategies

- Tony Addison, “Development,” Chapter 13, pp. 205-220.
- Joseph E. Stiglitz, “The Promise of Development,” Chapter 2, pp. 25-59.

September 27: Divergent Developmental Trajectories

- Philip McMichael, “The Global Economy Reborn,” Chapter 3, pp. 74-115.
- John M. Page, “The East Asian Miracle: An Introduction,” *World Development* 22(4) (1994), pp. 615-625.
- Alice H. Amsden, “Why Isn’t the Whole World Experimenting with the East Asian Model to Develop?: Review of *The East Asian Miracle*,” *World Development* 22(4) (1994), pp. 627-633.

Recommended

- Dwight H. Perkins, “There Are At Least Three Models of East Asian Development,” *World Development* 22(4) (1994), pp. 655-661.
- Stephan Haggard, “Institutions and Growth in East Asia,” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 38(4) (Winter 2004), pp. 53-81.
- Richard A. Higgott and Helen E. S. Nesadurai, “Rethinking the Southeast Asian Development Model: Bringing Ethical and Governance Question in,” *ASEAN Economic Bulletin* 19(1) (2002), pp. 27-39.

STATE, MARKETS, AND SOCIETY

October 2: Research Proposal Due at the Beginning of the Class

The State in the Third World

- Adrian Leftwich, "Theorizing the State," in B&R, Chapter 9, pp. 139-154.
- Smith, "The State in the Third World," Chapter 5, pp. 108-134.

October 4: State-Building & State Collapse

- Brian Smith, "State-Building," in B&R, Chapter 10, pp. 155-170.
- Martin Doornbos, "State Collapse and Civil Conflict," in B&R, Chapter 11, pp. 171-184.
- Mark T Berger, "From Nation-Building to State-Building: The Geopolitics of Development, the Nation-State System and the Changing Global Order," *Third World Quarterly* 27(1) (2006), pp. 5-25.

Recommended

- Toby Dodge, "Iraq: The Contradictions of Exogenous State-Building in Historical Perspective," *Third World Quarterly* 27(1) (2006), pp. 187-200.

October 9: Democratization and Development

- Peter Burnell, "Democratization," in B&R, Chapter 12, pp. 185-202.
- Smith, "Democratization in the Third World," Chapter 11, pp. 250-274.
- Sen, Chapter 6, pp. 146-159.

Recommended

- Larry Diamond, *Developing Democracy* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1999).
- Terry Lynn Karl, "Economic Inequality and Democratic Instability," *Journal of Democracy* 11(1) (2000), pp. 149-156.
- Adrian Leftwich, "Debate: Democracy and Development: A Contradiction in the Politics of Economic," *New Political Economy* 7(2) (2002), pp. 269-273; and other articles in the same issue.

October 11: Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict

PBS Documentary: "Ghosts of Rwanda," *PBS Frontline* (2004)

- James R. Scarritt, "Ethnopolitics and Nationalism," in B&R, Chapter 5, pp. 74-89.
- Smith, "Nationalism and Secession," Chapter 9, pp. 194-218.
- "Rwanda, Remembered." *The Economist* (March 27, 2004).

Recommended

- Ted Robert Gurr, "Ethnic Warfare on the Wane," *Foreign Affairs* 79(3) (May/June 2000), pp. 52-64.
- Ted Robert Gurr, "Attaining Peace in Divided Societies: Five Principles of Emerging Doctrine," *International Journal on World Peace* 19(2) (June 2002), pp. 27-51.

October 16: The Military and the Third World

- Smith, "Military Intervention in Politics," Chapter 8, pp. 173-193.
- Stephen Wright, "Nigeria," in B&R, Chapter 19a, pp. 319-328.
- Robert B. Lloyd, "Nigeria's Democratic Generals," *Current History* 103 (2004), pp. 215-220.

Recommended

- Julius O. Ihonvbere, "Are Things Falling Apart? The Military and the Crisis of Democratization in Nigeria," *Journal of Modern African Studies* 34(2) (1996), pp. 193-225.
- Ike Okonta, "Nigeria: Chronicle of a Dying State," *Current History* 104 (May 2005), pp. 203-208.
- Ukoha Unkiwo, "Politics, Ethno-Religious Conflicts and Democratic Consolidation in Nigeria," *Journal of Modern African Studies* 41(1) (2003), pp. 115-138.

October 18: MID-TERM EXAM

CASE STUDIES

October 23: Fragmentation or Nation-Building: Indonesia and South Africa

Indonesia – Presenters:

South Africa – Presenters:

- Richard Robinson, "Indonesia," in B&R, Chapter 16a, pp. 255-263.
- Robert A. Schrire, "South Africa," in B&R, Chapter 16b, pp. 264-274.

Recommended

- M. T. Berger, "Old State and New Empire in Indonesia: Debating the Rise and Decline of Suharto's New Order," *Third World Quarterly* 18(2) (1997), pp. 321-362.

October 25: Civil Society: Active or Passive? India and Saudi Arabia

India – Presenters:

Saudi Arabia – Presenters:

- Rob Jenkins, “India,” in B&R, Chapter 17a, pp. 275-285.
- David Pool, in B&R, Chapter 17b, pp. 286-296.
- Marina Ottaway, “Civil Society,” in B&R, Chapter 8, pp. 120-135.

October 30: Strong State, Weak State: Chile and the Democratic Republic of Congo

Chile – Presenters:

Democratic Republic of Congo – Presenters:

- Peter Siavelis, “Chile,” in B&R, Chapter 18a, pp. 297-307.
- Thomas M. Callaghy and Marton T. Markovits, “The Democratic Republic of Congo,” in B&R, Chapter 18b, pp. 308-318.

November 1: Military in Politics versus Democratic Advance: Pakistan and Mexico

Pakistan – Presenters:

Mexico – Presenters:

- David Taylor, “Pakistan,” in B&R, Chapter 20a, pp. 340-348.
- Andreas Schedler, “Mexico,” in B&R, Chapter 20b, pp. 349-359.

November 6: Underdevelopment and Development: Guatemala and South Korea

Guatemala – Presenters:

South Korea – Presenters:

- Rachel Sieder, “Guatemala,” in B&R, Chapter 21a, pp. 360-370.
- Peter Ferdinand, “South Korea,” in B&R, Chapter 21b, pp. 371-382.

GLOBALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT

November 8: The Rise of the Globalization Project

- Philip McMichael, “Demise of the Third World,” Chapter 4, pp. 116-150.
- Philip McMichael, “Implementing Globalization as a Project,” Chapter 5, pp. 152-200.

November 13: FIRST DRAFT DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CLASS

Globalization and Inequality

- David Dollar and Aart Kraay, "Spreading the Wealth," *Foreign Affairs* 81(1) (Jan./Feb 2002), pp. 120-133.
- Robert Hunter Wade, "Is Globalization Reducing Poverty and Inequality?" *World Development* 32(4), pp. 567-589.
- Bruce R. Scott, "The Great Divide in the Global Village," *Foreign Affairs* 80(1) (Jan./Feb. 2001), pp. 160-177.

Recommended

- Bob Sutcliffe, "World Inequality and Globalization," *Oxford Review of Economic Policy* 20(1), pp. 15-36.
- David Dollar and Aart Kraay, "Trade, Growth, and Poverty," *Economic Journal* (February 2004), pp. F22-F49.
- Robert H. Wade and Martin Wolf, "Are Global Poverty and Inequality Getting Worse? Yes: Robert Wade, No: Martin Wolf," *Prospect* (March 2002), pp. 16-21.
- David Held, ed., *Global Inequality: A Comprehensive Introduction* (Cambridge: Policy, 2007).

November 15: Globalization and Development

- Philip McMichael, "The Globalization Project: Disharmonies," Chapter 6, pp. 201-236.
- Martin Wolf, "Will the Nation-State Survive Globalization?" *Foreign Affairs* 80(1) (Jan./Feb. 2001), pp. 178-190.
- Linda Weiss, "Globalization and the Myth of the Powerless State," *New Left Review* I (225) (1997), pp. 3-27.

Recommended

- James H. Mittelman, "Globalization and Development: Learning from Debates in China," *Globalizations* 3(3) (September 2006), pp. 377-391.
- Heloise Weber, "Reconstituting the 'Third World'? Poverty Reduction and Territoriality in the Global Politics of Development," *Third World Quarterly* 25(1) (2004), pp. 187-206.

November 20: Globalization Debates

- Joseph E. Stiglitz, "Another World is Possible," Chapter 1, pp. 3-24.
- Joseph E. Stiglitz, "Making Trade Fair," Chapter 3, pp. 61-101.
- Joseph E. Stiglitz, "The Multinational Corporation," Chapter 7, pp. 187-210.
- Martin Wolf, "The Morality of the Market," *Foreign Policy* 138 (Sep./Oct. 2003), pp. 46-50.

Recommended

- Thomas L. Friedman, "It's a Flat World, After All," *The New York Times*, April 5, 2005.
(<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/04/03/magazine/03DOMINANCE.html?ei=5090&en=cc2a003cd936d374&ex=1270267200>).
- Online Video: Thomas Friedman, "The World Is Flat," MIT World, May 16, 2005
(<http://mitworld.mit.edu/video/266/>).
- Jagdish Bhagwati, "Coping with Antiglobalization: A Trilogy of Discontents," *Foreign Affairs* 81(1) (Jan./Feb. 2002), pp. 2-7.
- Arturo Escobar, "Beyond the Third World: Imperial Globality, Global Coloniality and Anti-Globalisation Social Movements," *Third World Quarterly* 25(1) (2004), pp. 207-230.

November 22: NO CLASS! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

November 27: RESEARCH PAPER DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CLASS

Environment

- Peter Newell, "Environment," in B&R, Chapter 14, pp. 221-236.
- Philip McMichael, "Environmentalism," pp. 246-261.
- Joseph E. Stiglitz, "Saving the Planet," Chapter 6, pp. 161-186.

Recommended

- Dimitris Stevis, "The Globalizations of the Environment," *Globalizations* 2(3) (December 2005), pp. 323-333.
- Jan Oosthoek and Barry K. Gills, "Humanity at the Crossroads: The Globalization of Environment Crises," *Globalizations* 2(3) (December 2005), pp. 283-291.

November 29: Student Presentations

December 4: Student Presentations

December 6: Where Do We Go From Here?

- Philip McMichael, "Whither Development?" Chapter 8, pp. 284-308.
- Joseph E. Stiglitz, "Democratizing Globalization," Chapter 10, pp. 269-292.
- Amartya Sen, "Individual Freedom as a Social Commitment," Chapter 12, pp. 282-298.

December 10: FINAL EXAM, Monday, 12:45-2:45pm

