

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

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Overview

The Third World is quite a bit more than a third of the world, so it's probably a bit mad to try to address all of it in one semester. And yet here we are. We shall attempt to capture some of the massive diversity of Third World political, social, and economic experience, both statically (in terms of the different experiences of different peoples) and dynamically (in terms of how things change over time, particularly as to whether Third World countries are converging or diverging from the West). The class is divided into three major sections: themes, theories, and regions. We shall begin by examining the major themes and features of Third World experience, such as colonization, state-formation, pluralism, industrialization, militarism, and globalization. We shall continue by looking at theories designed to explain why Third World countries have developed in the ways that they have and what their prospects for further development might be; in this section, we shall make extensive reference to Latin America. We shall then test the generality of our authors' conclusions regarding Third World experience and development by looking closely at four particular regions of the Third World through integrative and case study material: the Middle East, Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa. Finally, we shall conclude by looking at the security situation of Third World states and a recent Nobel-winning take on development.

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Assignments

First midterm (Themes)	10%
Second midterm (Theories)	15%
Third midterm (Regions)	15%
Final (Security and development)	15%
Research paper	25%*
Country notes	10%
Attendance and participation	10%**

* Includes required proposal, outline, draft, and revision.

** Oral participation, either in class or during office hours, is required. Classes will operate as seminars, in which you will be expected to come prepared and to participate. The participation

grade may include announced and/or unannounced presentations, quizzes and short in-class and/or out-of-class writing assignments. Aside from such short assignments, the basic attendance and participation grade will not exceed 2.0 even with perfect attendance, unless you also participate orally (again, either in class or in my office).

Grading

All assignments are graded on a 4.0 scale, so you needn't wonder what percentage of the points equates to what final grade. I round up from the midpoints between grades. For example, 3.7500 rounds up to a 4.0; 3.7495 does not. I may make adjustments in the upward direction from what the raw numbers yield, but never downward. In making such changes, I will never change the rank order of final course grades; in other words, if you have the second highest 3.0 and there's a case for giving you a 3.5, but the student with the highest 3.0 is not similarly deserving, you're out of luck.

Required Texts

The following texts have been ordered through SBS and the MSU Bookstore, and all are also available online from B&N, Amazon, Half.com, and other new and used bookstore sites. Three notes: if you buy your books online, you should buy the Clapham volume from B&N rather than Amazon because Amazon's price is higher than the cover price for no good reason, and the Sen volume from Amazon rather than B&N because Amazon has it discounted. The 4th edition of the Handelman book has been out for less than a week, and is available online only from the publisher as of August 29.

Christopher Clapham, *Third World Politics: An Introduction*, University of Wisconsin Press, ISBN: 029910334X.

Howard Handelman, *The Challenge of Third World Development* (4th Ed.), Prentice Hall, ISBN: 0131930702.

Vicky Randall and Robin Theobald, *Political Change and Underdevelopment: A Critical Introduction to Third World Politics* (Revised Ed.), Duke University Press, ISBN: 0822320932.

Howard J. Wiarda and Steven Boilard, Eds., *Non-Western Theories of Development: Regional Norms Versus Global Trends*, Wadsworth, ISBN: 0155053663.

Peter F. F. Klaren and Thomas J. Bossert, Eds., *Promise of Development: Theories of Change in Latin America*, Westview Press, ISBN: 081330007X.

Jorge I. Dominguez, Michael Shifter, and Koll I. Guy, *Constructing Democratic Governance in Latin America* (2nd Ed.), Johns Hopkins University Press, ISBN: 0801871204.

Jennifer A. Widner, *Economic Change and Political Liberalization in Sub-Saharan Africa*, Johns Hopkins University Press, ISBN: 080184844X.

Jonathan Rigg, *Southeast Asia: The Human Landscape of Modernization and Development* (2nd Ed.), Taylor & Francis, Inc., ISBN: 0415256402.

Mehren Kamrava, *The Modern Middle East: A Political History Since the First World War*, University of California Press, ISBN: 0520241509.

Mohammed Ayoob, *The Third World Security Predicament: State Making, Regional Conflict, and the International System*, Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc., ISBN: 1555875769.

Amartya Sen, *Development as Freedom*, Knopf Publishing Group, ISBN: 0385720270.

Class and Assignment Schedule

August 30 Introductions and Overview

Themes

September 1 “The Third World,” “Development,” and Colonialism

Clapham, Ch. 1
Handelman, Ch. 1
Clapham, Ch. 2

September 6 Democratization and State-Formation

Handelman, Ch. 2
Clapham, Chs. 3-4

September 8 Ethnic, Gender, and Religious Pluralism

Handelman, Chs. 3-5

September 13 Political Economy, Industrialization, and Urbanization

Clapham, Ch. 5
Handelman, Chs. 6-7 and 10

September 15 *No class!*

September 20 Internal and External Threats

Clapham, Chs. 7-8
Handelman, Chs. 8-9
Clapham, Ch. 6

September 22

First Midterm (Themes)

Theories

September 27

Modernization Theory

Randall & Theobald, Chs. 1-2

September 29

Modernization Theory in Latin America

Klarén & Bossert, Chs. 2-5

October 4

Dependency Theory

Randall & Theobald, Chs. 4-5

October 6

Dependency Theory in Latin America

Klarén & Bossert, Chs. 6-9

Paper proposal due

October 11

Theories of Order and Bureaucratic-Authoritarianism in Latin America

Randall & Theobald, Ch. 3

Klarén & Bossert, Chs. 12-13

October 13

Non-Western Theories of Development

Wiarda & Boilard, Chs. 1-9

October 18

Globalization and Comparison

Randall & Theobald, Ch. 6

Klarén & Bossert, Ch. 14

October 20

Second Midterm (Theories)

Regions

October 25

Politics, Society, and Economics in the Middle East

Kamrava, Chs. 8-10

October 27 The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict and Other Challenges in the Middle East
Kamrava, Chs. 7 and 11

Paper outline due

November 1 Politics, Society, and Economics in Latin America
Dominguez & Shifter, Chs. 1-4 and 7

November 3 Popular Autocracy and Other Challenges in Latin America
Dominguez & Shifter, Chs. 8-9 and 15

November 8 Politics, Society, and Economics in Southeast Asia
Rigg, Chs. 2 and 6-7

November 10 Regional Rivalries and Other Challenges in Southeast Asia
Rigg, Chs. 9-11

November 15 Politics, Society, and Economics in Sub-Saharan Africa
Widner, Chs. 1-3

November 17 Neopatrimonialism and Other Challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa
Widner, Chs. 6 and 9-10

Paper due

November 22 *Third midterm (Regions)*

November 24 *No class! Happy Thanksgiving!*

Security

November 30 The Third World in the International System of States
Ayoob, Chs. 3-5

December 1 The Third War after the End of the Cold War
Ayoob, Chs. 6-8

Development as Freedom?

December 6 Development as Freedom?

Sen, Chs. 1-6

December 8 Development as Freedom?

Sen, Chs. 7-12

Paper rewrite due

December 14 *Final (Wednesday, 5:45-7:45pm)*

Absence and Lateness Policy

Absences will not be excused without written verification of illness signed by a doctor or convincing evidence of a personal emergency. Assignments turned in late without an excuse (including exams taken late without an excuse) will be knocked off 0.5 out of the 4.0 scale per day late.

Incompletes will be offered only to students who have an excuse that would meet the above conditions. Please remember that incompletes remain on your permanent transcript, and graduate and professional schools may hold them against you in their admissions processes.

Academic Dishonesty

MSU's policies on academic dishonesty, including plagiarism, are available online at <http://www.vps.msu.edu/SpLife/rule32.htm>, and the other pages linked from that page.

Nothing that you do in a paper is punishable until you submit it for a grade. If you're not sure that what you're doing amounts to plagiarism, ask me.

My general inclination in cases of manifest plagiarism is to assign a 0.0 for the course. Assigning a 0.0 for the course requires me to write a letter of explanation to the dean, which will remain in your permanent file.

If you are falling behind in the course and prone to panic, please, please, please ask me for alternatives before cheating.

Support

In addition to my office hours, email, and instant messaging availability, there are people available on campus to help you to develop your paper for this course. You will find that they, like I, can be more helpful if consulted earlier in the development of your project.

James Madison Writing Center, 320 Case Hall

MSU Writing Center, 300 Bessey Hall, Monday-Friday 9-5

MSU Library Writing Center, Main Library near Cyber Café, Sunday-Thursday 3-10