

POLI 4064
Comparative Politics of Developing Countries
Fall 2016
12:30-1:20 MWF/228 Tureaud

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OBJECTIVE: The course is designed to analyze the forces and trends characteristic of politics in developing countries. We will use examples of all the major regions of the Third World (Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East) in order to better understand the pervasive nature of the political crisis that has engulfed the developing world.

TEXTBOOK: There is one required text for the course:

Howard Handelman: *Challenges of the Developing World*
New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 8th edition

Also, you will be required to read NYT articles regularly, on current developments in Third World countries.

EXAMS, PAPERS, GRADES: There will be an early Take-Home Exam, a Midterm Exam, two (NYT) Multiple Choice Exams, a comparative Research Paper/Presentation on any two Third World countries in two different regions, and a Final Exam.

Your Research Paper should cover some of the important topics covered in the lectures that apply or do not apply to your countries. You will present your findings.

Course grades will be determined according to the following formula:

Class Participation	10pts
Take-Home Exam (Due Sept. 16)	10pts
(2) NYT Multiple Choice (Oct. 12/Nov. 30)	10pts (5pts each)
Midterm Exam (Oct. 14)	20pts
Research Paper (Nov. 14)	20pts
Presentation (Nov. 14-28)	5pts
Final Exam (Thurs. Dec.08/12:30-2:30pm)	<u>25pts</u>
	100 pts

A+ 100 - 95	B+ 86.9 - 85	C+ 76.9 - 75	D+ 66.9 - 65	F below 57
A 94.9 - 90	B 84.9 - 80	C 74.9 - 70	D 64.9 - 60	
A- 89.9 - 87	B- 79.9 - 77	C- 69.9 - 67	D- 59.9 - 57	

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: You are required to attend all class sessions and keep up with the reading assignments as well as the on-going events in the Third World. All Exams and Assignments must be completed on a timely basis.

LECTURE OUTLINE & PENDING ASSIGNMENTS

Aug. 22-Sept. 5	<u>Introduction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Context of Third World Reality• Contemporary Condition of Developing Countries	Handelman: Preface & Chap 1
Sept.7-14	<u>Theory in the Study of Developing Countries</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modernization Theory• Revisionist Theory• Marxist & Dependency Theory	Handelman: Chap. 1
Sept. 16 Sept. 16-21	<u>Take-Home Exam Due</u> <u>History of the Third World</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-Colonial• Colonial• Decolonization• Independence	
Sept. 23-28	<u>Leadership & Ideology</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• From Charisma to Tangible Results	Handelman: Chap. 4
Sept. 30-Oct. 5	<u>Institutions in Third World Politics</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The State Institutions• The Other Institutions	Handelman: Chap. 4
Oct. 10-12	<u>Democracy in the Third World</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handelman's Analysis• Diamond's Political Culture across Regions• Middle East: Explosion vs. Implosion	Handelman: Chap. 2
Oct. 12 (Wed.)	<u>NYT Multiple Choice Test</u> (5 pts/ 20 questions)	
Oct. 14 (Fri.)	<u>Midterm Exam</u> (in class/20 pts/essay and definitions)	
Oct. 17	<u>Return, Preview, Discuss</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Return Midterm to students• Preview 2nd half of semester• Discuss Research Topics	

Oct. 19-31	<u>Constraints to Development</u>	Handelman: Chaps. 4, 5, 6 & 9
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Economy (Chap. 9) • Classes, Clientelism & Corruption (Chap. 6) • Education and Social Change • Ethnicity, Race & Caste (Chap. 4) • Women (Chap. 5) 	
Nov. 2-11	<u>Intervening Forces in Politics</u>	Handelman: Chaps. 3, 7 & 8
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military Rule (Chap. 8) • Insurgency & Revolution (Chap. 7) • Religion (Chap. 3) 	
Nov. 14	<u>Research Paper Due/Presentations begin</u>	
Nov. 14-28	<u>Presentations continue</u>	
Nov. 30	<u>NYT Multiple Choice Test/give out pre-final scores</u>	
Dec. 08 (Thurs.)	<u>Final Exam (THURSDAY 12:30-2:30)</u>	