POLI 4064
Comparative Politics of Developing Countries
Fall 2015
12:30 - 1:20 MWF
220 Stubbs Hall

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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: The Challenge of Third World Development

EXAMS, PAPERS, GRADES: There will be an early Take-Home Exam, a Midterm Exam, two (NYT) Multiple Choice Exams, a comparative research paper 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 (daily) 10pts
Take-Home Exam Due (Sept. 16) 10pts
(2) NYT Multiple Choice (Oct 14/Dec. 02) 10pts
Midterm Exam (Oct. 16) 20pts
Research Paper (Oct. 23) 20pts
Presentation (Oct. 23) 5pts
Final Exam (Thurs. Dec. 10/12:30-2:30pm) 25pts
100pts

A+= 100 - 95  B+= 86.9 - 85  C+= 76.9 - 75  D+= 66.9 – 65
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 Tests and Paper Assignments must be completed on a timely basis.

**LECTURE OUTLINE & PENDING ASSIGNMENTS**

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<th>Date</th>
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| Aug. 24 – Sept. 02 | **Introduction**  
Context of Third world Reality  
Contemporary Condition of Developing Countries | Handelman: Preface, Chap. 1       |
| Sept. 4 – 11 | **Theory in the Study of Developing Countries**  
Modernization Theory  
Revisionist Theory  
Marxist & Dependency Theory | Handelman: Chap. 1               |
| Sept. 16   | Return Take-Home Exam                                               |                                   |
| Sept. 14 – 18 | **History of the Third World**  
Pre-Colonial  
Colonial  
Decolonization  
Independence |                                   |
| Sept. 21 – 25 | **Leadership & Ideology**  
From Charisma to Tangible Results |                                   |
| Sept. 28 – 30 | **Institutions in Third World Politics**  
The State Institutions  
The Other Institutions |                                   |
| Oct. 02 – 09 | **Democracy in the Third World**  
Handelman’s Analysis  
Diamond’s Political Culture across Regions  
Middle East: Explosion vs. Implosion |                                   |
| Oct. 14    | **NYT Multiple Choice Test** (5pts./20 questions) |                                   |
| Oct. 16    | **In-class Midterm Exam** (20pts./essay and definitions) |                                   |
| Oct. 19    | Return, Preview, Discuss  
Return Midterm to students  
Preview 2nd half of semester  
Discuss Research Topics |                                   |
Oct. 21 – Nov. 16: **Constraints to Development**  
The Economy (Chap. 9)  
Classes, Clientelism & Corruption (Chap. 6)  
Education and Social Change  
Ethnicity, Race & Caste (Chap. 4)  
Women (Chap. 5)  

Handelman: Chaps. 4, 5, 6 & 9

Oct. 09 – 18: **Intervening Forces in Politics**  
Military Rule (Chap. 8)  
Insurgency & Revolution (Chap. 7)  
Religion (Chap. 3)

Handelman: Chaps. 3, 7 & 8

Oct. 23: Research Paper due in class

Oct. 23: **Presentation of Research Paper Topic**

Dec. 02: **NYT Multiple Choice Test/Course Evaluation**

Dec. 04: **Give out Pre-final grades**

Dec. 10: **Final Exam 12:30-2:30pm**