POLI 4064
Comparative Politics of Developing Countries
SUMMER 2009
201 Tureaud 11:00-12:00 pm

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OBJECTIVE: The course is designed to analyze the forces and trends characteristic of the
politics of developing countries. We will discuss the condition of these countries based on
theoretical assumptions of scholars and the practical realities of politics in changing societies.
We will use examples from 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
dilemma in developing countries.

TEXTBOOKS: There is only one text required for the course:

Howard Handelman: The Challenge of Third World Development.
Also: NYT subscriptions is required.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: Attendance in all class sessions is required and active
participation in class discussion helps. Endeavor to hand in all assignments on time.

EXAMS, PAPERS, & GRADES: There will be an early take-home exam, a midterm exam in
class, and a final. In addition you will be required to write a survey of the politics of any two
countries of your choice; where you apply some of the ideas and trends discussed in class to your
countries.

Course grades will be determined according to the following formula:

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A: 88–100;  B: 87.9–78;  C: 77.9–69;  D: 68.9–60;  F: Below 60
LECTURE OUTLINE & READING ASSIGNMENTS

June 8-10  
**Course Introduction** (HH Chapter 1)

June 11-12  
**History of Developing Countries** (HH Chapter 1)

June 15-17  
**Theories of Modernization** (HH Chapter 1)

June 18-22  
**Leadership and Ideology**

June 23-25  
**Institutions**

June 26-30  
**Democracy and its Prospects** (HH Chapter 2)

July 1  
Midterm Exam

July 02-06  
**Constraints to Development** (HH Chapter 10)  
Economy Backwardness  
Economic Strategies

July 07-09  
**Other Constraints** (HH Chapter 4, 5, 6, & 7)  
Classes, Clientelism and Corruption  
Ethnicity, Race and Caste System  
Women and Population

July 10-13  
**Intervening Forces I: Military Rule and Militarization**  
(HH Chapter 9)

July 14-15  
**Intervening Forces II: Insurgency and Revolution**  
(HH: Chapter 8)

July 16-17  
**Intervening Forces III: Religion and Politics**  
Religion and Politics (HH: Chapter 3)

July 20  
Presentation

July 30 (Thurs.)  
Final Exam 4:00-6:00 pm