POLI 4064
Comparative Politics of Developing Countries
SUMMER 2011
208 Tureaud  M-F 11:00-12:00

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OBJECTIVE: The course is designed to analyze the forces and trends characteristic of the politics of developing countries. 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 crisis that has engulfed the developing countries.

TEXTBOOKS: There are two texts required for the course:

Howard Handelman: The Challenge of Third World Development.
Annual Editions: Developing World, 11/12

In addition, students are required to subscribe to the New York Times for entire length of summer (June 13-July 29). The checks of about ________ should be ready in the first week of class and payable to The Baton Rouge Courier.

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

EXAMS, PAPERS, & GRADES: There will be an early take-home exam, a midterm exam, a comparative research paper on any two countries in different regions of the Third World and a Final. Your research paper should cover some of the important topics covered in lectures as they apply to your countries. You will present your findings.

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 6-9

Introduction
*Context of Third World Reality
*Contemporary Condition of Developing Countries
Handelman: Chapter 1; AE Unit 1

June 10-14

Theory in the Study of Developing Countries
*Modernization Theory & Revisionism
Handelman Chapter 1; AE pp. 18-25
*Marxist and Dependency Theories
Handelman Chapter 1

June 15-16

History of the Third World
*Pre-Colonial, Colonialism, Decolonization & Independence

June 17-20

Leadership and Ideology
*From charisma to Tangible Result
AE: Unit 3

June 21-22

Institutions in Third World Politics
*The State Institutions
*The Other Institutions

June 23-27

Prospects and Problems for Democracy
*Handelman’s Analysis
*Diamond’s “Political culture” across Regions
*The Middle East: Is there a right course?
Handelman: Chapter 2; AE Unit 4

June 28

NTY Multiple Choice Test

June 29

Midterm Exam
June 30-July 6  

**Constraints to Development**  
*The Economy: Poverty as a Problem  
Strategies with Little Success  
Handelman Chapter 6 & 10, AE Unit 2  
*Classes, Clientelism and Corruption  
Handelman: Chapter 7  
*Education in the Third World Context  
*Ethnicity, Race and the Caste System  
Handelman: Chapter 4  
*Women, Population, and Politics  
Handelman: Chapter 5, AE Unit 5 & 6  

July 7-13  

**Intervening Forces**  
*Militarization and Military Rule  
Handelman: Chapter 9  
*Insurgency and Revolution  
Handelman: Chapter 8  
Religion and Politics  
Handelman: Chapter 3  

July 14-22  

**Presentation of Two-Country Research**  

July 25  

**Pre-Final NYT Test (multiple choice)**  

Thurs. July 28  

**Final Exam; 4:00-6:00 pm**