POLI 4064  
Comparative Politics of Developing Countries  
FALL 2011  
104 Audubon 12:30-1:30 MWF  

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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  

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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<td>NYT Multiple Choice</td>
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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

Aug. 22-31

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

Sept. 02-09

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

Sept. 12-16

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

Sept. 19-23

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

Sept. 26-28

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

Sept. 30-Oct. 05

**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

Wed. Oct. 05

NYT Multiple Choice Test

Fri. Oct. 07

Midterm Exam
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

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

Presentation of Two-Country Research

Research Paper Due

Course Evaluation/Review Session/Return Pre-Final Exams

Final Exam; 4:00-6:00 pm