POLI 4064
Comparative Politics of Developing Countries
Fall 2012
12:30 – 1:30 MWF
(229 Tureaud)

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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 world.

TEXTBOOKS: There are two textbooks required for the course:


In addition, you are encouraged to follow on-going events in the Third World by reading a reputable newspaper like The New York Times that is available on campus.

EXAMS, PAPERS and GRADES: There will be an early Take-Home Exam, a Midterm, a comparative research paper on any two countries in two different regions, and a Final. Your research paper should cover some of the important topics covered in the lectures as they apply to your choice countries. You will present your findings.

Course grades will be determined according to the following formula:
Class Participation 10 pts
Early Take-Home Exam 10 pts
(2) Multiple Choice Test (NYT) 10 pts (5 pts each)
Midterm Exam 20 pts
Research Paper 20 pts
Presentation 5 pts
Final 25 pts
100 pts

A: 88-100  B: 78-87.9  C: 68-77.9  D: 60-67.9  F: below 60

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: You are required to attend all class sessions and keep up with reading assignments including suggested articles from The New York Times. All tests and paper assignments must be completed on a timely basis.
Lecture Outline
and
Reading Assignments

Aug. 20-31  Introduction: Context of Third World Reality
             Contemporary Condition
             Handelman: Preface, Chapter 1; Annual Editions: p. 1-39

Sept. 3-7    Theory in the Study of the Third World
             - Modernization Theory
             - Revisionist Theory
             - Marxist & Dependency Theory
             Annual Editions: p. 3-7

Sept. 10-14  History of the Third World
             Pre-Colonial – Colonial – Decolonization – Independence

Sept. 17-21  Leadership & Ideology
             Value, Changing Impact, Types

Sept. 24-28  Institutions
             State vs. Non-State Institutions

Oct. 1-8     Democracy in Developing Countries
             - Handelman’s Analysis
             - Diamond’s Political Culture
             - Recent Trends: Middle East explosion?
             Handelman: Chapter 2; Annual Editions: p. 124-133; 145-183

Oct. 10      Multiple Choice Test (NYT)

Fri. Oct. 12  Midterm Exam (In Class)

Oct. 15-26   Constraints to Development
             - The Economy
             - Classes, Clientelism & Corruption
             - Ethnicity, Race & Caste
             - Education & Social Change
             - Women & Population
             Handelman: Chapter 4, 5, 6 & 9; Annual Editions: p. 30-80; 119-123; 184-227
Oct. 28-Nov. 9  Intervening Forces in Third World Politics
- Military Rule & Militarization
- Insurgency & Revolution
- Religion & Politics
  Handelman: Chapter 3, 7 & 8; Annual Editions: p. 86-123; 134-144

Nov. 12-26  Research Paper Presentations

Nov. 19  Two-Country Research Paper Due

Wed. Nov. 28  Multiple Choice Test (NYT)

Nov. 30  Review Session/Return Pre-final Grade

Wed. Dec. 5  Return Take-Home Final by NOON in 209 Stubbs Hall