POLI 4064
Comparative Politics of Developing Countries
Fall 2010
229 Tureaud  MWF 10:40-11:30 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 are two texts required for the course:

Howard Handelman: The Challenge of Third World Development.
Annual Editions: Developing World, 10/11

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:

Class Participation 10 pts.
Take home exam 10 pts. (Wed. Sept. 08)
Mid-term Exam (in class) 20 pts. (Fri. Oct. 15)
Research Paper 20 pts. (Mon. Nov. 22)
Presentation 5 pts. (Begin Nov. 17)
Final Exam 35 pts. (Mon. Dec. 06; 7:30am)
100 pts.

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

Aug. 23-30  
**Course Introduction** (HH Chapter 1)  
AE: Unit 1

Sept. 01-06  
**History of Developing Countries** (HH Chapter 1)

Sept. 08-15  
**Theories of Modernization** (HH Chapter 1) AE pp. 25-29

Sept. 17-22  
**Leadership and Ideology**  
AE: pp 145-159

Sept. 24-Oct. 01  
**Institutions**

Oct. 04-13  
**Democracy and its Prospects** (HH Chapter 2) AE: Unit 4  
(pp. 120-144)

Oct. 15  
Midterm Exam

Oct. 18-25  
**Constraints to Development** (HH Chapter 10)  
Economic Backwardness  
Economic Strategies  
AE: Unit 2, Unit 5

Oct. 27- Nov. 01  
**Other Constraints** (HH Chapter 4, 5, 6, & 7)  
Classes, Clientelism and Corruption  
Ethnicity, Race and Caste System  
Women and Population AE: Unit 5, 6

Nov. 03-05  
**Intervening Forces I: Military Rule and Militarization**  
(HH Chapter 9)

Nov. 08-10  
**Intervening Forces II: Insurgency and Revolution**  
(HH: Chapter 8) AE: pp 100-119

Nov. 12  
**Intervening Forces III: Religion and Politics**  
Religion and Politics (HH: Chapter 3) AE: pp 95-104

Beginning Nov. 15  
Presentation

Nov. 22-Dec. 01  
Research Paper Due  
Review Session/Course Evaluation

Mon. Dec. 06  
Final Exam; 7:30am