

POLI 4064

Comparative Politics of Developing Countries

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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

TEXTBOOKS: There are two texts required for the course:

U. H. H. The Challenge of Third World Development
New Jersey: Pearson/Longman, 2011

with reading assignments as well as on going events in the Third World. All test and paper

REQUIREMENTS & GRADES: There will be several assignments throughout the semester, including a research paper and a presentation. You will present your findings

NVT Multiple Choice	10 pts.	(Before midterm/final)
Class Participation	10 pts.	
Early Take home exam	10 pts.	(Fri. Sept. 16)
Mid-term Exam (in class)	20 pts.	(Fri. Oct. 07)
Research Paper	20 pts.	(Fri. Nov. 18)
Presentation	5 pts.	(Begin Nov. 09)
Final Exam	25 pts.	(Tues. Dec. 06; 7:30am)
	100 pts.	

A: 92-100 B: 87-91 C: 77-91 D: 68-91 E: Below 60

LECTURE OUTLINE & READING ASSIGNMENTS

Aug. 22-31

Introduction

Sept. 02-09

Theory in the Study of Developing Countries

Handelman Chapter 1: AE pp. 18-25

Handelman Chapter 1

Sept. 12-16

History of the Third World

*Dec. Colonial, Colonialism, Decolonization & Independence

Sept. 19-23

Leadership and Ideology

*From charisma to Tangible Result

AE: Unit 3

Sept. 26-30

*The State Institutions

*The Other Institutions

*Handelman's Analysis

*Diamond's "Political culture" across Regions

Handelman: Chapter 2: AE Unit 4

Wed. Oct. 05

NYT Multiple Choice Test

Fri. Oct. 07

Midterm Exam

Oct. 10-26

Constraints to Development

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

Oct. 28 - Nov. 07

Insurgency and Revolution

Handelman: Chapter 9

*Insurgency and Revolution

Handelman: Chapter 8

Religion and Politics

Handelman: Chapter 3

Nov. 18

Demographic Data

Nov. 20

Comparative Development