POLI 4064 Comparative Politics of Developing Countries Fall 2018

12:30-1:20 MWF/228 Tureaud

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OBJECTIVE: The course is designed to analyze the forces and trends characteristic of politics in developing countries. We will use examples of 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.

TEXTBOOK: There is one required text for the course:

Handelman, Howard. ew York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016

Also, you will be required to read NYT articles regularly, on current developments in Third World countries.

<u>GRADES</u>: Course grades will be determined according to the following formula:

Class Participation 10pts Take-Home Exam 10pts

Sept. 17 Take-Home Exam Due History of the Third World Sept. 17-21 Pre-Colonial Colonial Decolonization Independence Sept. 24-28 Leadership & Ideology Handelman: Chap. 4 Who are the Leaders and what guides their governing styles: Varied examples Oct. 01-08 <u>Institutions in Third World Politics</u> Handelman: Chap. 4 State Institutions Judiciary Executive Legislature Political Parties Non-State Groups/Associations Oct. 10-12 Democracy in the Third World Handelman: Chap. 2 The Emergence The Transition The Explosion The Problems Oct. 12 Multiple Choice Test Oct. 15 Midterm Exam: Essays & Definitions Oct. 17-26 Strategies to Development The Third World Condition Need for Economic Transformation Varied Strategies: Land Reform to MDGS/SDGS Oct. 25-Nov. 03 Constraints to Development Handelman: Chaps. 4, 5, 6 & 7 Classes, Clientelism, & Corruption **Education and Social Change** Race, Ethnicity, & Caste System Women and Population

Nov. 02-09 <u>Intervening Forces in Third World Politics</u> Handelman: Chaps. 3, 7 & 8 Military Rule (Chap. 8)

Insurgency & Revolution (Chap. 7) Religion & Politics (Chap. 3) Nov. 14-19

Research Presentations (10 min. each)

Nov. 19

Research Paper Due

Nov. 26

Multiple Choice Test

Nov. 26-30 <u>Review Session/Course Evaluation</u>

Dec. 06 Final Exam (Thursday 7:30-9:30am)