GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

Sociology 317/Political Science 390
MW 2:00-3:20
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Course Description
This course explores the economic and social changes that have constituted “development,” and that have radically transformed human society. The course focuses on both the historical experience of Europe and the contemporary experience of countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. In the historical discussion, we explore the birth of the “nation state” as the basic organizing unit of the international system; the transition from agrarian to industrial economic systems; and the expansion of European colonialism across the globe. In our discussion of Africa, Asia, and Latin America, we consider the legacies of colonialism for development; the ways in which countries have attempted to promote economic development and industrialization; and issues of inequality and human welfare in an increasingly globally connected world.

Teaching Assistants
Two TAs are assigned to this course: Kofi Asante (Office Hours: Mondays, 11am-1pm at the Northwestern University Cafe) and Rodrigo Barrenechea (Office Hours: Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 at 105 Scott Hall). Kofi and Rodrigo are available to help you with the readings, lectures, exams, and paper assignment.

Assignments and Grades
The class meets in University Hall 102 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00-3:20. Students are expected to attend all classes, to complete all readings and assignments on time, and to actively participate.

The final grade will be calculated as follows: (1) midterm exam, 30 percent; (2) research paper, 40 percent; (3) final exam, 30 percent. The midterm and final exams will be composed of some combination of essay questions, short identification questions, and multiple choice questions. The midterm exam will be held on Monday, Feb. 8 in class. The final will be held on Friday, March 18 from 3:00-5:00pm.

The paper assignment will be handed out on Monday, Jan. 11 in class. It will be due in class on Monday, March 7 (you are welcome to turn it in earlier). The paper will involve independent research in which you write an essay of roughly 3,000 words on the causes of development in a country of your choice selected from a list provided with the assignment.

Readings

The other readings are available in a course packet, which can be purchased at Quartet Copy Center near Benson and Clark.
Course Policies

Students are expected to attend every class meeting and to complete all assignments. The only exception will be if a student has written documentation of a legitimate circumstance preventing completion of an assignment. This documentation must be provided in a timely fashion (i.e., one week). Legitimate circumstances are religious holidays, illnesses verified with a medical authority’s note, serious family emergencies verified in writing, jury duty, military service, and participation in formal group activities sponsored by the University.

Research Study Participation Requirement

Students enrolled in this course are required to complete a research assignment that can include up to 4 hours of research study participation. These studies require that students set up an appointment to complete participation at a laboratory on campus (or via an on-line survey). Students will learn how studies are conducted and will receive a synopsis at the conclusion of the quarter describing the study’s goal, result, and relevance to the class. Students who prefer not to participate in the research may opt for an alternative that entails reading any one chapter about political science research and writing a five page reaction paper. The typical chapter is about 20 pages and thus reading it and writing a five page paper should take approximately four hours.

Near the start of the quarter, students will receive an e-mail asking them whether they prefer study participation or the alternative assignment. The e-mail will also include details on how to complete either requirement. Failure to complete the requirement during the quarter will result in an incomplete. Failure to complete the requirement during the following quarter will result in a failing grade for the class. Note that if you are enrolled in multiple classes that require participation, you only need to satisfy the requirement one time. Also, if you already completed the requirement in another course in a previous quarter, you are excused from the requirement.

PART I: INTRODUCTION

Introduction and In-Class Exercise (Jan. 4)

1. What is Development? (Jan. 6)


2. Theoretical Perspectives on Development (Jan. 11)

PART II: DEVELOPMENT IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

3. From Antiquity to the Early Modern Era (Jan. 13)

4. From the Early Modern Era to the Future (Jan. 20)

5. Feudalism and Capitalism (Jan. 25)

PART III: COLONIALISM

6. Settler Colonialism (Jan. 27)

7. Enclave Colonialism (Feb. 1)

8. A Theory of Colonialism and Development (Feb. 3)

9. MIDTERM EXAM (Feb. 8)

PART IV. ECONOMIC GROWTH

10. Dilemmas of Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa I (Feb. 10)

**11. Dilemmas of Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa II (Feb. 15)**

**12. Latin America and East Asia Compared I (Feb. 17)**


**13. Latin America and East Asia Compared II (Feb. 22)**

**14. China and India Compared I (Feb. 24)**

**15. China and India Compared II (Feb. 29)**

**PART V. GLOBALIZATION AND INEQUALITY**

**17. Growth and Inequality (March 2)**


**18. Markets, Globalization, and Inequality (March 7)**