

POLS 308 Politics in Developing Countries
Spring 2022 – Syllabus

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Office Hours: Fridays 10.00-11.00 or by appointment (Office IB 502)

Course Description

Development vs. underdevelopment, developed vs. developing countries, first world vs. the third world... These are all contested terms and there is growing literature critical of development. Given these complexities, it is the goal of this course to discuss some of the major issues in the domain of political economy of development in order to provide a foundation for students to tackle more recent developments in the field of development. Please make sure to read the material before each class in order to participate in the discussions.

Evaluation

Assignment #1: Research Question DUE March 16 – 5%

Write down in a paragraph the research question which you would like to write your research paper on. This research question can be about a single country or can be a comparison between two countries or more.

The countries need to be selected from **Sub-Saharan Africa**. You need to clarify your research topic by reading articles and books on the topic of your interest. Further details will be given in class.

Assignment #2: Bibliography and Improved Research Question DUE March 23–5%

You should improve your research question based on my suggestions and in the meantime conduct a thorough research in the library and web based databases for articles and books relevant to your research question and country. You should compile a list for the bibliography for your research paper. At this point it is not necessary that you read all the articles and books in this list but you should at least have skimmed through in order to know whether they will be relevant to your research. This list should not comprise less than 15 articles and 5 books.

Assignment #3: Literature Review DUE April 20 – 20%

Provide a brief literature review that justifies your study and sets the theoretical framework for your research paper. Do not forget to include the bibliography at the end.

Assignment#4 First Draft of your Research Paper DUE May 14 **SATURDAY** – 25%

You should put together the research question, literature review and the sections providing your analysis in order to compose the first draft of your research paper. This draft has to be complete in all senses. There should be an introduction, a theory section, a literature review and your analysis. This draft will be reviewed by two class mates and me in order to provide you feedback for the second draft. Furthermore, you will need to present this paper and the findings during a special session of presentations. Further details will be announced in class.

Assignment #5 Presentation of the first draft of the paper May 14 SATURDAY – 10%

Assignment#6 Second Draft DUE June 10 – 10%

The second draft needs to take into account the three reviewers comments and also the feedback you receive during the presentation sessions. The grade for the second draft will be based on the amendments and improvements you will make. Therefore, papers which have not been properly improved will get zero points from this assignment.

Assignment#7 Peer review DUE May 22 (details will be announced later). 10%

You will need to review the paper of a classmate. This has to be substance related review and should make suggestions and recommendations to improve the paper. You have to provide constructive criticism to your friends. Further details will be announced in class.

Item #8 Participation in class 15%

You are required to post questions for discussion on Moodle, participate in class discussions or answer quiz questions in class and you may choose to direct the in-class discussion. Please do the readings before each class.

Late papers/reviews/assignments: there will be 3 percent penalty per day for late papers and reviews.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is a serious problem and refers to dishonestly representing someone else's ideas as your own. Plagiarism is punished by disciplinary council and usually results in an F as course grade and sometimes heavier penalties. All students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences (For a good guide to consult (<http://www.buowl.boun.edu.tr/students/favoidingplagiarism.htm>)).

The Department of Political Science and International Relations has the following rules and regulations regarding academic honesty.

1. Copying work from others or giving and receiving answers/information during exams either in written or oral form constitutes cheating.
2. Submitting take-home exams and papers of others as your own, using sentences or paragraphs from another author without the proper acknowledgement of the original author, insufficient acknowledgement of the consulted works in the bibliography, all constitute plagiarism. For further guidelines, you can consult: http://www.gc.cuny.edu/CUNY_GC/media/CUNY-Graduate-Center/PDF/Publications/AvoidingPlagiarism.pdf
3. Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and will result in:
 - a) an automatic F in the assignment or the exam,
 - b) an oral explanation before the Departmental Ethics Committee,
 - c) losing the opportunity to request and receive any references from the entire faculty,
 - d) losing the opportunity to apply in exchange programs,
 - e) losing the prospects of becoming a student assistant or a graduate assistant in the department.

The students may further be sent to the University Ethics committee or be subject to disciplinary action.

CLASS SCHEDULE

(yellow highlight means it is compulsory to read that piece before coming to class)

Week 1. 23-25 February

Introducing ourselves and the syllabus

Please make sure to come to class as we will do more than just going over the syllabus.

Introduction to the course

Please bring to class a news item you find from the web that you think is related to political economy of development. You can bring news related to any part of the world except Turkey (we will all be knowledgeable about Turkey already).

Week 2. 2-4 March

Introduction to Politics of Developing Countries

- Hirschman, A. O., 1970 (April). "The Search for Paradigms as a Hindrance to Understanding," *World Politics*, 22 (3): 329
- Sen, A. (1983) "Development: Which way now?" *The Economic Journal*, 93:7456-762.
- Escobar, A. *Encountering Development*, Chapter 1.
- Zencey, E. 2009. "G.D.P. R.I.P" The New York Times OP-ED.
- OPTIONAL Cowen and Shenton (1995) "The Invention of Development" in *Power of Development* edited by J.S. Crush.

Discussion Session 1: The Ideology of Development

- Easterly, W., 2007. "The Ideology of Development," *Foreign Policy*, July/August.
- Easterly, W. spars with Leipziger D., Rubin, O., and A. Khan, H., 2007. "Letters: In Defense of Development," *Foreign Policy*, July/August.
- Pardo, P., 2007. "The basic question? Has foreign aid ever lifted any country out of poverty?," translated by Pfitze, T., *El Mundo*, 26 May.

Optional: Easterly, W. 2014. *The tyranny of experts : economists, dictators, and the forgotten rights of the poor*. New York : Basic Books.

Week 3. 9-11 March

Interpreting Western Development

- Skocpol, T., 1973. "A Critical Review of Barrington Moore's Social Origins," *Politics and Society*, IV (Fall): 1-34

- Tilly, Charles, 1998. "Where Do Rights Come From?" in Theda Skocpol (ed.), *Democracy, Revolution, and History* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press), pp. 55-72.

Colonialism and its legacy

- Young, C.M. (2004) "The end of the post-colonial state in Africa? Reflections on changing African political dynamics" *African Affairs*, 103: 23-49
- Nandy, A., 1992. "State," in W. Sachs, ed., *The Development Dictionary* (London: Zed): 264-74.
- Turner, O., 2013. "Finishing the Job': the UN Special Committee on Decolonization and the Politics of Self-Governance," *Third World Quarterly*, 34: 7, 1193-1208.

Week 4. 16-18 March

Modernization Theory

- Lipset, S. M., 1959. "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy," *American Political Science Review*, 53 (Mar.): 69-105.
- Portes, A., 1974. "Modernity and Development: A Critique," *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 9 (Spring): 247-79.

Dependency Theory

- Wallerstein, I., 1979. *The Capitalist World-Economy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press): 1-36.
- Dos Santos, T. (1970) "The Structure of Dependence" *The American Economic Review*, 231-236.
- Dhammika Herath (2008) Development Discourse of the Globalists and Dependency Theorists: do the globalisation theorists rephrase and reword the central concepts of the dependency school?, *Third World Quarterly*, 29:4, 819-834

Week 5. 23-25 March

Controlling the Dislocations of Late Development I: The role of institutions

- Kesselman, M., 1973. "Order or Movement: The Literature of Political Development as Ideology," *World Politics*, 26 (Oct.): 139-54.
- Portes, Alejandro and Lori D. Smith, 2008. "Institutions and Development in Latin America: A Comparative Analysis," *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 43, pp.:101-128.

- Sangmpam, S. N., 2007. "Politics Rules: The False Primacy of Institutions in Developing Countries," *Political Studies*, 55:1, pp. 201-224.

Controlling the dislocations of late development II: Agrarian Societies

- McClintock, C., 1989. "Peru's Sendero Luminoso Rebellion: Origins and Trajectory," in S. Eckstein, ed., *Power and Popular Protest: Latin American Social Movements* (Berkeley: University of California Press): 61-101.
- Mahoney, J., 2001. "Path Dependent Explanations of Regime Change: Central America in Comparative Perspective," *Studies in Comparative International Development.*, 36:1, pp. 111-141.

Week 6. 30 March – 1 April

Bureaucratic Authoritarianism

- Remmer, K. L., and G. Merckx, 1982. "Bureaucratic-Authoritarianism Revisited," *Latin American Research Review*, XVII (2): 3-40.
- O'Donnell, G., 1982. "Reply to Remmer and Merckx," *Latin American Research Review*, XVII (2): 41-50.

The Asian Miracle

- J. Teichman. 2015. "The Role of the Middle Class in Distributional Outcomes: Chile and South Korea" *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 50(1): 1-21.
- Cotton, J. 1992. "Understanding the State in South Korea: Bureaucratic-Authoritarian or State Autonomy Theory?" *Comparative Political Studies*, 24(4): 512-31.
- Balassa, B., 1988. "The Lessons of East Asian Development: An Overview," *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 36(3): 273-290.

Week 7. 6-8 April

State and Development:

- Documentary Screening: Death in the Fishing Boat
- ^{PDF}Grant Burrier. 2016. "The Developmental State, Civil Society, and Hydroelectric Politics in Brazil" *The Journal of Environment and Development*. 25(3): 332-358.
- P. Evans "Predatory, Developmental, and Other Apparatuses: A Comparative Political Economy Perspective on the Third World State," *Sociological Forum* 4:4, 1989, pp. 561-587

- Skocpol, Theda, 1985. "Bringing the State Back In: Strategies of Analysis in Current Research," in P. Evans, D. Rueschemeyer and T. Skocpol, eds., *Bringing the State Back In* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press): 3-37.

Democracy and Development:

- Karl, Terry Lynn, and Philippe C. Schmitter. 1991. "What Democracy is...And What It Is Not," in *The Global Resurgence of Democracy*, ed. M. F. Plattner and L. Diamond. Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, pp.
- Parekh, B., 1992. "The Cultural Peculiarity of Liberal Democracy," *Political Studies*, 40 (Special Issue): 160-175.
- OPTIONALWhitehead, L., 2002. "Democratizing Development," prepared for the UNRISD project on Social Policy in a Development Context, Geneva.
- Hadenius, A. and Teorell, J., 2005. "Cultural and Economic Prerequisites of Democracy: Reassessing Recent Evidence," *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 39: 4 (Winter): 87-106.
- OPTIONALC. Boix. 2011. "Democracy, Development, and the International System" *APSR*. 105(4).

Week 8. 13-15 April

Neoliberalism

- Williamson, John, 1993. "Democracy and the 'Washington Consensus'," *World Development* 21(8): 1329-36.
- Wand, K. and England, K., 2007. "Introduction: Reading Neoliberalization," in Wand, K. and England, K. (ed.), *Neoliberalization: States, Networks, Peoples*, Wiley-Blackwell.

Criticism of Neoliberalism

- Evans, Peter, 2008. "Is an Alternative Globalization Possible?" *Politics and Society*, 36:2 (June): 271-305.

Discussion Session 2:

- Bresser, L., J. Maravall and A. Przeworski, 1994. "Economic Reforms and New Democracies: A Social-Democratic Approach," in W. Smith et al, eds., *Latin American Political Economy in the Age of Neoliberalism: Theoretical and Comparative Perspectives for the 1990s* (Coral Gables: University of Miami, North-South Center): 181-212.
- Corrales, J., 2004. "Technocratic Policy Making and Parliamentary Accountability in Argentina, 1983-2002," *Democracy, Governance and Human Rights Programme Paper Number 13*, September.

- Kemahlioglu, Ö., 2012. "Public Employment Reshaped: The Impact of Neoliberal Reforms on Particularistic Exchanges," in *Agents of Bosses? Patronage and Intra-Party Politics in Argentina and Turkey*, ECPR Press.

Week 9. 20-22 April

Global Division of Labor and Inequalities

Singh, A. and A. Zammit. 2011. "Globalisation, labour standards and economic development" in J. Michie ed. *The Handbook of Globalisation*. Second edition, Edward Elgar.

Wade, H.R. 2014. "The Piketty phenomenon and the future of inequality" *Real World Economics Review*. 69.

Discussion Session 3

- Russell, B. 2011. "Globalization and the Labour Process" in G. Teeple and S. McBride eds. *Relations of Global Power: Neoliberal Order and Disorder*. University of Toronto Press.
- Eckes, A.E. 2011. "The underside of the global economy" in *The Contemporary Global Economy: A history Since 1980*. Wiley-Blackwell.

OPTIONAL READINGS

- Fraser, N. 2007. "Reframing justice in a globalizing world" in D. Held and A. Kaya eds. *Global Inequality: Patterns and Explanations*. Polity Press.
- Piketty, T. 2014. Introduction in *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*.
- Milanovic, B. 2014. "Global Income Inequality by the Numbers: In History and Now" XV April International Conference on Economic and Social Development.

Week 10. 27-29 April

Discussion Session 4: Global Financial System and Financial Crises

Background reading if you do not have much knowledge about global financial system:

- Helleiner, E. 2011. "The evolution of the international monetary and financial system" in Ravenhill, J. ed. *Global Political Economy*, OUP.
- Pauly, L.W. 2011 "The Political Economy of Global Financial Crises" in Ravenhill, J. ed. *Global Political Economy*, OUP.

Readings for the discussion:

- Kotz, D.M. 2011. "Financialization and Neoliberalism" in G. Teeple and S. McBride eds. *Relations of Global Power: Neoliberal Order and Disorder*. University of Toronto Press.

- Eckes, A.E. 2011. "The Global Financial Crisis of 2007-10" in *The Contemporary Global Economy: A history Since 1980*. Wiley-Blackwell.

OPTIONAL READINGS

- Krueger, A. O. 2012. Chapter 13 "At the service of nations: the role of the IMF in the modern global economy" in A. Krueger. *Struggling with Success: Challenges Facing the international economy*. World Scientific.
- Krueger, A. O. 2012. Chapter 8 "Economic policy reforms in Brazil and Turkey" in A. Krueger. *Struggling with Success: Challenges Facing the international economy*. World Scientific.

Discussion Session 5: Decentralization

- Granados, C. and Sanchez, F., 2014. "Water Reforms, Decentralization and Child Mortality in Colombia, 1990-2005," *World Development*, Vol. 53, pp. 68-79.
- Leopold, E. and McDonald, D. A., 2012. "Municipal Socialism Then and Now: Some Lessons for the Global South," *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 33, No. 10, pp. 1837-1853.

SPRING BREAK

Week 11. 11-13 May

Discussion Session 6: Politics of Debt and Development

- Rankin, K. N., 2013. "A Critical Geography of Poverty Finance," *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 34, No. 4, pp. 547-568.
- Soederberg, S., 2013. "Universalising Financial Inclusion and the Securitisation of Development," *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 34, No. 4, pp. 593-612.
- Fridell, G., 2013, "Introduction: Politicising Debt and Development: Activist Voices on Social Justice in the New Millenium," *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 34, No. 8, pp. 1492-1496.

Poverty and Development

- Filguera, F., 2005. "Welfare and Democracy in Latin America: The Development, Crises and Aftermath of Universal, Dual and Exclusionary Social States," prepared for the UNRISD Project on Social Policy and Democratization.
- Adaman, F. and D. Yukseker (2008) "Editors' introduction: Special issue on poverty and social exclusion in Turkey" *New Perspectives on Turkey*.

Towards a better global economy?

Behrman J.R. and S. Fardoust. 2014. "The Global Economy in the First Half of the Twenty-first Century" in *Towards a Better Global Economy: Policy Implications for Citizens Worldwide in the Twenty-First Century*. OUP. Pp. 28-69.

Dauvergne, P. 2011. "Globalization and the Environment" in Ravenhill, J. ed. *Global Political Economy*, OUP.

Discussion Session 7:

- Steer, A. 2014. "Resource Depletion, Climate Change, and Economic Growth" in *Towards a Better Global Economy: Policy Implications for Citizens Worldwide in the Twenty-First Century*. OUP.
- Birdsall, N, C. Meyer and A. Sowa. 2014. "Global markets, global citizens, and global governance in the twenty-first century" in *Towards a Better Global Economy: Policy Implications for Citizens Worldwide in the Twenty-First Century*. OUP.