

POLI 4064  
Comparative Politics of Developing Countries  
Fall 2014  
5:00 - 8:00 Wed.  
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OBJECTIVE: The course is designed to analyze the forces and trends characteristics 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:

Howard Handelman: *The Challenge of Third World Development*  
Boston: Pearson, 2013, 7<sup>th</sup> edition

Also, read NYT articles regularly on new developments in Third World countries.

EXAMS, PAPERS, GRADES: There will be an early Take-Home Exam, a Midterm Exam, two (NYT) Multiple Choice Exams, a comparative research paper on any two Third World countries in two different regions, and a Final Exam.

Your research paper should cover some of the important topics covered in the lectures that apply or do not apply to your countries. You will present your findings.

Course grades will be determined according to the following formula:

Class Participation (weekly)	10pts
Take-Home Exam Due (Sept. 17)	10pts
(2) NYT Multiple Choice (Oct. 15/Dec. 3)	10pts
Midterm Exam (Oct. 15)	20pts
Research Paper (Nov. 19)	20pts
Presentation (Oct. 29; Nov. 12-19)	5pts
Final Exam (Dec. 10/5:00-7:00pm)	<u>25pts</u>
	100pts

A: 88-100

B: 78-87.9

C: 68-77.9

D: 60-67.9

F: below 60

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: You are required to attend all class sessions and keep up with the reading assignments as well as the on-going events in the Third World. All Tests and Paper Assignments must be completed on a timely basis.

### LECTURE OUTLINE & PENDING ASSIGNMENTS

Aug. 27; Sept. 3 Introduction Handelman: Preface, Chap. 1

- Context of Third world Reality
- Contemporary Condition of Developing Countries

Sept. 10 Theory in the Study of Developing Countries Handelman: Chap, 1

- Modernization Theory
- Revisionist Theory
- Marxist & Dependency Theory

Sept. 17 Return Take-Home Exam  
History of the Third World

- Pre-Colonial
- Colonial
- Decolonization
- Independence

Sept. 24 Leadership & Ideology  
- From Charisma to Tangible Results

Oct. 1 Institutions in Third World Politics  
- The State Institutions  
- The Other Institutions

Oct. 8 Democracy in the Third World  
- Handelman's Analysis  
- Diamond's Political Culture across Regions  
- Middle East: Explosion vs. Implosion

Oct. 15 NYT Multiple Choice Test (5pts./20 questions)  
In-class Midterm Exam (20pts./essay and definitions)

Oct. 22 Return, Preview, Discuss  
- Return Midterm to students  
- Preview 2<sup>nd</sup> half of semester  
- Discuss Research Topics

- Oct. 22 - 29     Constraints to Development     Handelman: Chaps. 4, 5, 6 & 9
- The Economy (Chap. 9)
  - Classes, Clientelism & Corruption (Chap. 6)
  - Education and Social Change
  - Ethnicity, Race & Caste (Chap. 4)
  - Women (Chap. 5)
- Oct. 29;  
(Nov. 12-19)     Presentation of Research Paper Topics
- Nov. 5 - 12     Intervening Forces in Politics     Handelman: Chaps. 3, 7 & 8
- Military Rule (Chap. 8)
  - Insurgency & Revolution (Chap. 7)
  - Religion (Chap. 3)
- Nov. 12 - 19     Presentation of Research Paper Topic (continues)
- Dec. 3     NYT Multiple Choice Test/give out Pre-Final Scores
- Dec. 10     Final Exam 5:00-7:00pm