

PSCI 342

Politics of Development

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Course Description

The course surveys the evolution of scholarly thought on development processes and policies, with a focus on the “developing world” or global “South.” Although economic policy is often the topic, an economics background is not assumed; the readings are not technical. We are not focusing on the role of the state in development processes and policies; the institutions and political pressures (domestic and international) that affect development policy-making; and the impact of development processes and policies on people and societies.

Films and readings discuss changing development policies in a range of countries, including India, China, Tanzania, Chile, and Mexico. Readings include Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen’s *Development as Freedom*, various challenging journal articles on development theory, an introductory text on development issues across Africa, case studies on environmental policy in Latin America, and a just-published work on globalization by a leading development economist (written for the general public).

Your obligations: Keeping up with readings is essential. Class time will be used to explore the readings and put them in context, but also to introduce additional material beyond what the readings can cover. Well-informed, regular participation will be part of the grade (which presumes consistent attendance). If preparation seems lacking, I will use pop quizzes to assess participation. The mid-term exam comes fairly early in the semester and is a take-home essay of about 5 pages. A longer paper will be due just after Thanksgiving, with options to use either the Sen book or the Rodrik book to explore a course topic in depth. You are responsible to know both books, of course, for the final exam.

Course Objectives

- To be able to discuss what the concept of “development” means, how it differs from “growth,” and what implications follow from how we define and measure *development*.
- To become familiar with important schools of development thought (modernization, dependency, neoliberal) and development models (import substitution, planning, export-oriented industrialization, neoliberalism) and the reasons why those ideas and policies have evolved over time.

- To be able to make an argument for why democracy helps or hinders development
- To become an informed and critical consumer of current debates about the impact of globalization on the developing world
- To be able to discuss the roles of highly developed countries and international organizations versus the roles of states and internal political conditions in the development process in poor countries.
- To better understand debates about sustainable development.

Readings

Some required articles are available online through LBIS and the course MOODLE page. We will use Course Reserves at the library for two book chapters and two videos. Please purchase the following:

- Moss, Todd. 2011. *African Development: Making Sense of the Issues and Actors*, 2nd ed. Lynne Rienner.
- Roberts, J. Timmons and Nikki Demetria Thanos, eds. 2003. *Trouble in Paradise: Globalization and Environmental Crises in Latin America*. NY: Routledge.
- Roberts, J. Timmons and Amy Bollone Hite. 2007. *The Globalization & Development Reader: Perspective on Development and Global Change*. Wiley.
- Rodrik, Dani. 2011. *The Globalization Paradox*. NY: W.W. Norton.
- Sen, Amartya. 1999. *Development as Freedom*. NY: Anchor Books.

Either purchase the following report, or download the PDF, free, from www.undp.org:

- United Nations Development Program. 2010. *Human Development Report 2010*. Palgrave McMillan.

MOODLE!

Please note that this syllabus, changes to the schedule and other announcements, details about assignments, supplementary links, etc. will be posted on the course MOODLE site.

Accommodations

Kenyon's Office of Disability Services provides individualized, confidential services based on documented disabilities. I am happy to accommodate special needs. Please discuss your concerns in private with me early in the semester and also identify yourself to Erin Salva, Coordinator of ODS, at PBX 5453 or salvae@kenyon.edu.

Grading

The assignments, due dates, and percentage of the final grade are as follows:

- Paper #1 (About 5 pages, based on first section of course). Due midnight, 9/21 20%
- Participation (attendance, discussion, any pop quizzes) 15%
- Paper # 2 (8-10 pages; due 11/30 at midnight). 40%
- Final exam, December 13, 8:30 – 10:30 AM 25%

Academic Honesty

All work submitted for this course must be wholly and solely your own. You may not submit the same paper for this course and another one, in whole or in part. You may not record the class for publication to any website.

The Kenyon College Course of Study discusses academic honesty in detail. Included in that discussion is this statement: “Learning from another artist or scholar is commendable, but to use the ideas (written, oral, graphic or artistic) or the phraseology of another person covertly, so as to represent the material as one's own” is plagiarism.

You are responsible to read and understand the standards of academic honesty elaborated in the *Course of Study* and to ask the instructor, or a member of the Academic Infractions Board, *in advance of submitting your work*, if you have any doubts about how to use and cite sources or ideas.

SCHEDULE OF READINGS AND TOPICS¹

F Aug 26 Overview of the Course

Part 1: Explaining Development

M Aug 29 Marx and Weber on capitalism and social change

Moss, ch 1 (skim).

Hite and Roberts, “Development and Globalization: Recurring Themes,” and “Introduction [to Marx and Weber]”, *G&D Reader*: 1-22.

Karl Marx, “Manifesto of the Communist Party.” *G&D Reader*: 25-32.

Max Weber, “The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism.” *G&D Reader*: 35-46.

¹ *G&D Reader* = J. Timmons Roberts and Amy Bellone Hite, eds. *The Globalization and Development Reader* (2007). *HDR2010* = United Nations Development Program, *Human Development Report 2010*

- W Aug 31 Modernization Theory
- Hite and Roberts, finish "Introduction," *G&D Reader*: 22-24.
- W. W. Rostow, "The Stages of Economic Growth: A Non-Communist Manifesto" (1960). *G&D Reader*: 47-55.
- Samuel Huntington, "The Change to Change: Modernization, Development, and Politics (1971); and Political Order in Changing Societies (1968). *G&D Reader*: 56-68.
- F Sept 2 Dependency Theory
- Roberts and Hite, "Dependency and Beyond: Introduction." *G&D Reader*: 71-75
- Andre Gunder Frank, "The Development of Underdevelopment" (1969). *G&D Reader*: 76-84.
- Fernando Henrique Cardoso, "Dependency and Development in Latin America" (1972). *G&D Reader*: 85-94.
- M Sept 5 Development and Value Change: Reassessing Modernization Assumptions
- Denis Goulet, "Development: Creator and Destroyer of Values" *World Development* 20, no. 3: 467-75.
- Ronald Inglehart and Wayne E. Baker, "Modernization, Cultural Change, and the Persistence of Traditional Values," *American Sociological Review* 65, no. 1 (2000): 19-51.
- W Sept 7 Legacies of Colonialism in Africa
- Moss, chap. 2 and 3
- Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson. "[Why is Africa Poor?](#)" *Economic History of Developing Regions* 25 (2010): 21-50.
- F Sept 9 Legacies of Colonialism in the Americas
- Stanley L. Engerman, Kenneth L. Sokoloff, Miguel Urquiola and Daron Acemoglu, "Factor Endowments, Inequality, and Paths of Development among New World Economies," *Economia* 3, 1 (Fall 2001): 41-88.
- Part 2: Policy Models, circa 1950-80**
- M Sept 12 Planned Social Change: Tanzania
- James C. Scott, "Compulsory Villagization in Tanzania: Aesthetics and Miniaturization," in *Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed* (New Haven: Yale, 1998), 223-261.

Recommended: Leander Schneider, "The Maasai's New Clothes: A Developmentalist Modernity and Its Exclusions," *Africa Today* 53, no. 1 (Fall 2006): 101-131.

W Sept 14 State-Led Industrialization: India

Atul Kohli, "India's Fragmented-Multiclass State and Protected Industrialization," (2004), in *State-Directed Development: Political Power and Industrialization in the Global Periphery*. NY: Cambridge: 257-90.

Please view: "Commanding Heights, Part II: The Agony of Reform" @ Olin Auditorium, Wednesday 9/14, 7-9 PM. If this time is not convenient, view it on your own schedule at the Olin Library Multimedia Center, before Friday.

F Sept 16 Import Substitution Industrialization: Latin America

Joseph L. Love, "The Rise and Decline of Economic Structuralism in Latin America: New Dimensions," *Latin American Research Review* 40, no. 3 (2005): 100-125.

M Sept 19 East Asian Developmental States

Gordon White and Robert Wade, "Developmental states and Markets in East Asia: An Introduction" in Gordon White, ed., *Developmental States in East Asia*. NY: St. Martin's Press, 1-27.

Gary Gereffi, "Rethinking Development Theory: Insights from East Asia and Latin America," Chapter 8 in *G&D Reader*.

W Sept 21 Class topic: Does Economic Reform Require a "Strong" (Undemocratic) Hand?

PAPER # 1 DUE TODAY. Submit by 12 midnight to Turnitin.com.

Part 3: Rethinking Development in the 80s and 90s: The Neoliberal Turn

F Sept 23 Crises and the Collapse of Old Models

Jeffrey Sachs, "Introduction," in Jeffrey Sachs, ed., *Developing Country Debt and the World Economy* (Chicago: Univ. of Chicago Press, 1989): 1-36.

M Sept 26 Rent-seeking States

Hernando de Soto, *The Other Path: The Invisible Revolution in the Third World* (New York: Harper and Row, 1989), Ch. 1 and Preface to the 2002 edition. (E-Res)

- W Sept 28 A New International Order
- Folker Frobel, Jurgen Heinrichs, and Otto Kreye, "The New International Division of Labor in the World Economy" in *G&D Reader*, 160-74.
- F Sept 30 Structural Adjustment
- Moss, chapters 6, 7, and 8 (through p. 128).
- M Oct 3 Trade Liberalization
- Moss, chap. 12
- Rudiger Dornbusch, "The Case for Trade Liberalization in Developing Countries," *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 6, 1 (Winter 1992): 69-85.
- W Oct 5 Foreign Direct Investment
- Moss, chap 13
- Saskia Sassen, "Cities in a World Economy" (2000) in *G&D Reader*
- F Oct 7 FALL READING PERIOD**
- Part 4: Contesting & Refining the "Consensus"**
- M Oct 10 Globalization Pro and Con
- Philip McMichael, "Globalization: Myths and Realities," (1996) in *G&D Reader*
- Johan Norberg, "In Defense of Global Capitalism" (2003) in *G&D Reader*
- Joseph E. Stiglitz, "Globalism's Discontents," (2002) in *G&D Reader*
- Thomas L. Friedman, "It's a Flat World, After All" (2005) in *G&D Reader*.
- W Oct 12 Transnational Critics of Globalization
- Jeffrey Sachs, "The Antiglobalization Movement" (2005) in *G&D Reader*
- Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, "Environmental Advocacy Networks" (1997) in *G&D Reader*
- F Oct 14 Where's the Freedom in Free Trade?
- Rodrik, pp. ix – 46 (intro through chap. 3)

M Oct 17	Where's the Freedom in Free Trade? continued Robert Hunter Wade, "What Strategies are Viable for Developing Countries Today?: The World Trade Organization and the Shrinking of 'Development Space' "(2003) in <i>G&D Reader</i>	10/17 @ 7:30 PM Higley Auditorium. <i>Opportunity</i> : RICK HODES (P'13) on "Extreme Medicine: 20+ Years as a Doctor in Africa."
W Oct 19	Financial Liberalization Rodrik, chapters 4 & 5	
F Oct 21	Financial Liberalization, continued Rodrik, chapter 6 & 7	

M Oct 24 through F Oct 28

Finish Rodrik this week for discussion on Friday.

Part 5: Rethinking the Meaning and Measure of Development

M Oct 31	Refining the Goal: A New Definition of Development Sen, <i>Development as Freedom</i> , Intro and chap. 1
W Nov 2	Development as Growth? Sen, chapter 2 Elhanan Helpman. 2004. <i>The Mystery of Economic Growth</i> (Cambridge MA: Belknap Press, 2004), pages to be assigned.
F Nov 4	How We Measure Development and Why It Matters Human Development Report chaps. 1-2, skim 5.
M Nov 7	Poverty as Lack of Freedom Sen, chapters 3 and 4
W Nov 9	Rethinking the Washington Consensus Sen, chapter 5 <i>HDR</i> , chapter 3.
F Nov 11	Democracy No Longer Negotiable Moss, pp. 79-80 Sen, chapter 6 (pp. 146-159) <i>HDR</i> , first half of chapter 4 (pp. 65-71) and Table 6.

Part 6: A Few Critical Issues

- M Nov 14 Famine
Sen, chapter 7
Readings to be assigned about current crisis in Horn of Africa
- W Nov 16 Women in Development
Sen, chapter 8
- F Nov 18 Women in Development, cont.
Gender-related pages of *HDR*, chaps 4 and 5, plus Table 4
Manisha Desai, "Transnational Solidarity: Women's Agency, Structural Adjustment, and Globalization," in *G & D Reader*, chap. 26.
- M Nov 28 Sen, wrapping up key issues
Finish Sen over Thanksgiving Break
- W Nov 30 Sustainability Issues in Development
Roberts and Thanos, chapters 1 and 2
- F Dec. 2 Green Revolutions and Deforestation
Roberts and Thanos, chapter 3 & 4
- M Dec 5 Competing Visions in the Amazon
Roberts and Thanos, chapter 5 and 6
- Wed Dec 7 Conclusions on sustainability
Roberts and Thanos, chap. 7
World Development Report, pages to be announced.
- Fri Dec 9 Ravi Kanbur, "The Co-Evolution of the Washington Consensus and the Economic Development Discourse," *Cornell University Dept of Applied Economics and Management, Working Paper 2009-05* (January 2009).
- Final exam:** Dec 13, 8:30 a.m.