

Politics of Development

Tues. 09.00 – 13.00

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Consultation hours: Tues. 13.00 – 15.00

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Module description: This course examines development around the world. We will think about what development is, why societies have different development trajectories, and what national and global leaders do to tackle development problems. We begin by considering the various meanings of development. Then we move on to study economic and social dimensions of development, as well as overseas development assistance. Throughout the course we will give attention to a) theories of development, b) practical problems of furthering development, and c) the experiences of particular parts of the world.

Assignments and marking: This course involves four marked components.

Attendance and participation: 30%

Book review: 20%

Midterm examination: 20%

Presentation: 30%

Attendance and participation: Students are expected to contribute to classroom discussions and activities. This component includes performance on occasional in-class assignments. Attendance is crucial. After all, if you don't attend class, you can't participate!

Book review: Students should write a critique of either Chang's Bad Samaritans or Sachs' Age of Sustainable Development. Your critique should be organized around an argument relating to a key theme in the book. This expectation means that the essay should be more than a summary of the book, but should instead engage its ideas. You need not conduct extra research for this assignment, though you might find it useful to draw on other readings from this course. The essay should be no more than 1,000 words, including references. The essay is due in class on Oct. 2 at 09.00. Please submit your essay online.

Midterm examination: Students will sit for a one-hour midterm examination in class on Oct. 16. The content and format will be explained in class.

Presentation: Each student will join a group to make a presentation. The presentations will take place over four weeks in the second half of the semester (weeks 8, 10, 12, 14). Details will be provided in class.

Plagiarism: Don't do it. Plagiarism is cheating and it's taken seriously. Ignorance isn't an excuse. If you're unsure what constitutes plagiarism, consult the instructor.

Outline of sessions:

Week 1 (Sept. 4): Introduction

Week 2 (Sept. 11): What is development?
Should we think of development as the same everywhere?
Should similarity or difference be theorized?
Rostow; Valenzuela and Valenzuela

Week 3 (Sept. 18): Markets and industrial transformation
How do markets relate to other forms of human organization?
Polanyi

Week 4 (Sept. 25): Holiday

Week 5 (Oct. 2): Development as national or global
What difference does it make if we think of development in national or global (planetary) terms? How are development "traps" different from development challenges?
Sachs; Collier

Week 6 (Oct. 9): Holiday

Week 7 (Oct. 16): The state: formality and informality
What is the state? How does it work in development contexts?
Mitchell; Migdal; Aspinall and van Klinken

Week 8 (Oct. 23): South Korea in Southeast Asia
Jeong (2017); Kim and Gray (2016); Watson (2018); Sato et al (2011)

Week 9 (Oct. 30): Mega-projects and purposeful transformation
Scott

Week 10 (Nov. 6): South Korea in Southeast Asia
Watson (2012); Ainslee (2016); Kim, Kim, and Kim (2013); Akiko (2016)

Week 11 (Nov. 13): State as savior?
Chang; Duara

Week 12 (Nov. 20): China in Southeast Asia
Sun; Bissinger (2012); Reilly (2012); Renwick (2015); Yu (2017); Mills (2018)

Week 13 (Nov. 27): Uneven global growth
Harvey

Week 14 (Dec. 4): China in Southeast Asia
Reilly (2013); Goh (2014); Gomez et al (2016); Chen (2018)

Week 15 (Dec. 11): Wrap up

List of readings

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