

DS100/Geography 112: DEVELOPMENT IN THEORY AND HISTORY

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Course Description

Is Development dead, as neoliberal and postmodernist critics proclaim? Neoliberals assert the superiority of market forces over planned intervention. The 'post-Development' critique that arose in the mid-1990s condemns post-World War II efforts to impose a Western model of progress on the Third World and demands an end to Development. Instead they call for indigenous knowledge, organizing outside the state, and defence of 'the local' against 'the global.' More recently, we have seen the emergence of revisionist forms of (neo)liberalism that emphasize institutional reforms, civil society and social development, and are similarly focused on 'the local.'

This course argues that the convergence between the 'new Right' and the 'new Left' fails to come to grips with the central challenge of contemporary development studies: How to understand the multiple, nonlinear, interconnected paths of socio-spatial change in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East taking place in the context of intensified global integration and capitalist development – and what these mean in terms of the possibilities for social change, especially in the context of the meltdown of the global economy.

The course is organized in three parts. Part I distinguishes between 'Development' as a post-war international project that emerged in the context of decolonization, and capitalist development as a dynamic and highly uneven historical process of creation and destruction. The second part of the course traces the history of Development as an international project. We examine how Development emerged from the process of decolonization in the 1940s, and the ways in which theories and practices of Development have shifted over time. Part III focuses on the so-called 'era of globalization' and the need to move beyond local/global dichotomies in thinking about possibilities for progressive social change. Topics include land, labor and livelihood struggles; race, gender, power; and social movements; and civil society and the future of the state.

Course Requirements

There are three sets of requirements for the course: (1) Three research essays on a country of the student's choice (55% of the grade). The essays will be geared to the topics covered in lectures, and will build on one another. (2) Section participation (15% of the grade). (3) A final exam (30% of the grade).

Reader

The reader for the course is available at University Copy, 2425 Channing.

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Course Assignments

The assignments for the course are three essays (which together count for 55% of the grade), section participation (15% of the grade) and a final exam (30 % of the grade). The essays are designed to enable you to consider how the theories and debates that we discuss in class have played out in a particular country.

The first step is to identify a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America, or the Middle East in which you have a particular interest. The three essays will entail your doing background research and reading on that country, and will be geared to the historical period and theoretical debates we are discussing in class.

The essays (and grades) will be distributed as follows:

Essay # 1:

Handed out: 1/27 (Tues)
Due: 2/23 (Mon)
Length: 7-8 pages (double spaced, 12 point type)
15% of total grade

Essay # 2:

Handed out: 2/26 (Thurs)
Due: 3/27 (Fri)
Length: 8-10 pages (double spaced, 12 point type)
20% of total grade

Essay # 3:

Handed out: 3/31 (Tues)
Due: 4/20 (Mon)
Length: 8-10 pages (double spaced, 12 point type)
20% of total grade

Essay questions will be handed out in class. We will give instructions about where to turn them in. Late essays will not be accepted, and the grade will be forfeited.

DS100/Geography 112: Course Outline

The Crisis of ‘Development’: Neoliberal and Post-Development Critiques

I. THEORIES OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF CAPITALISM

Classical Theories of Capitalist Development: Smith & Marx

Imperialism: Hobson & Lenin

State, Market, Civil Society: Gramsci & Polanyi

Decolonization and the Post-War International Order

II. DEVELOPMENT AS A POST-WAR INTERNATIONAL PROJECT: A HISTORY OF THEORIES AND PRACTICES

Modernization vs. Dependency: Early Development Debates

**The 1950s & 1960s: Development Economics, Structuralism and Import Substitution
Industrialization (ISI)**

The 1970s: Basic Needs

The 1980s: The Neoliberal Counterrevolution and Structural Adjustment

The 1990s & Beyond: The Rise and Decline of the Washington Consensus

III. BEYOND LOCAL/GLOBAL DICHOTOMIES: SPACE, PLACE, POWER, & DIFFERENCE

Contesting Geographies of Globalization & D/development

Unfolding D/developments in Post-Apartheid South Africa

Reworking “The Local”

Redrawing the Map of the World?

DS100/Geography 112: Reading List

* Available online.

§ In reader for Geography 214

All other readings are in the reader for DS100/Geography 112

Additional material posted on bSpace

1/20: Introduction

Background References:

*UK Department for International Development (DFID) (2005): *Fighting Poverty to Build a Safer World: A Strategy for Security & Development*.

*World Bank (2006): *World Development Report: Equity & Development*.

*World Bank (2009) *World Development Report: Reshaping Economic Geography*
www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6ihEQtCSss

1/22 - 1/27: Neoliberal and Post-Development Critiques

Deepak Lal, 'The Misconceptions of Development Economics,' *Finance and Development* June 1985: 10-13.

Wolfgang Sachs 'Introduction,' in W. Sachs (ed) *The Development Dictionary: A Guide to Knowledge as Power* (London: Zed Books, 1992).

Arturo Escobar, *Encountering Development: The Making and Unmaking of the Third World* (Princeton University Press, 1995a): 1-11; 39-44; and 'Imagining a Post-Development Era,' in J. Crush (ed.) *Power of Development* (London: Routledge, 1995b).

Mohan, G. and K. Stokke, 'Participatory Development and Empowerment: The Dangers of Localism,' *Third World Quarterly* 21(2) 2000: esp. 247-250; 258-263.

Related Readings:

*Deepak Lal *The Poverty of Development Economics* (2nd edition). (London: Institute for Economic Affairs, 2002). (esp. postscript).

§Stuart Hall, 'The West and the Rest: Discourse and Power' in S. Hall et al (eds) *Modernity* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1996): 185-227.

§J. Ferguson, 'The Anti-Politics Machine: 'Development' and Bureaucratic Power in Lesotho,' *The Ecologist* 24:3, 1994: pp.176-181.

§Akhil Gupta, 'Agrarian Populism in the Development of a Modern Nation,' in F. Cooper and R. Packard (eds) *International Development and the Social Sciences* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998).

PART I

Theories of the Development of Capitalism

1/29 – 2/3: Classical Theories of Capitalist Development: Smith and Marx

Vivienne Brown, 'The Emergence of the Economy,' in S. Hall et al (eds) *Modernity* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1996).

Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations* (1776): Chapters 1-3; & *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* (selected pages).

Karl Marx & Frederick Engels, *The Communist Manifesto* (1848).

Related Readings:

§Emma Rothschild, 'Adam Smith and Conservative Economics,' *Economic History Review* 45:1 1992.

§Additional reading from *The Wealth of Nations*

§David Harvey, 'The Geography of the *Manifesto*,' in *Spaces of Hope* (UC Press, 2000).

§Karl Marx, Wage, Labour and Capital: 203-217 in D. McClellan (ed) *Karl Marx: Selected Writings*; and *The German Ideology* (Division of Labour: Town and Country): 68-79.

Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation: Political and Economic Origins of Our Time* (Boston: Beacon Press, 1944; 2001 edition edited by Fred Block): esp. Chapters 3-10. (On reserve in Earth Sciences library)

2/5 - 2/10: Imperialism: Hobson & Lenin

J. Hobson *Imperialism: A Study* (Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press 1967 [1902]). Introduction by Siegelman; Chapters I,IV,VI (Part I).

Lenin, *Imperialism: The Highest Stage of Capitalism* [1916] : pp. 15-29; 99-128.

Related Readings:

§Eric Hobsbawm, *The Age of Empire: 1875-1914*. (New York: Pantheon Books, 1987): esp. Chapter 3.

§Additional readings from Hobson & Lenin.

2/12 - 2/17: State, Market, Civil Society: Gramsci & Polanyi

J. Femia, *Gramsci's Political Thought* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1987): pp.1-7.

*Sections from the website of the International Gramsci Society
(<http://www.marxists.org/archive/gramsci/index.htm>).

A. Gramsci 'Revolution against 'Capital' (1917) plus selected pages from Gramsci's *Prison Notebooks* (1971: orig. 1935)].

*Selections from the website of the Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy
(www.artsandscience.concordia.ca/polanyi/).

F. Block (2001) Introduction to Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation* [orig. 1944], plus the following selections from Polanyi: 71-80; 136-140; 145-7; 158-163; 265-267.

Related Readings:

§Stuart Hall (1995; orig. 1986) 'Gramsci's Relevance for the Study of Race and Ethnicity,' in D. Morley and K. Chen (eds) *Stuart Hall: Critical Dialogues in Cultural Studies*. (London: Routledge).

*M. Burawoy 2003. For a Sociological Marxism: The Complementary Convergence of Antonio Gramsci and Karl Polanyi. *Politics and Society* 31 (4): 193-261.

*B. Silver and G. Arrighi. 2003. Polanyi's 'Double Movement': The *Belles Époques* of British and US Hegemony Compared. *Politics and Society* 31 (4): 325-55.

2/19 - 2/24: Decolonization and the Post-War International Order

W. Furnivall, *Colonial Policy and Practice* (New York: New York University Press, 1948): pp. 280-290; 312-318; 468-469.

F. Cooper, 'Modernizing Bureaucrats, Backward Africans, and the Development Concept,' in F. Cooper and R. Packard, *Development Knowledge and the Social Sciences* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998).

Frantz Fanon, "First Truths on the Colonial Problem," in *Toward the African Revolution* [orig. *Pour la révolution africaine*, Maspero 1964].

Related Readings

§Robert Wood, *From Marshall Plan to Debt Crisis: Foreign Aid and Development Choices in the World Economy* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1986): pp. 21-93.

§ Eric Hobsbawm 'The End of Empires' from *The Age of Extremes*. (New York: Vintage, 1994)

§ Uma Kothari, 'From Colonial Administration to Development Studies; A Post-Colonial Critique of the History of Development Studies', in U. Kothari (ed) *A Radical History of Development Studies* (London: Zed Books, 2006).

PART II

Development as a Post-War International Project: A History of Changing Theories and Practices

2/26 - 3/3: The 1950s and 1960s: Development Economics, Structuralism and Import Substitution Industrialization (ISI)

Albert Hirschman, "The Rise and Decline of Development Economics," in *Essays in Trespassing: Economics to Politics and Beyond* (Cambridge University Press, 1981): pp. 1-24.

W. Baer, 'Import Substitution and Industrialization in Latin America: Experiences and Interpretations,' in M. Todaro (ed) *The Struggle for Economic Development* (New York: Longman, 1983): pp. 301-315.

Harriet Friedmann, 'The Political Economy of Food: The Rise and Fall of the Postwar International Food Order,' *American Journal of Sociology* (88) 1982: 248-286.

C. Kay, 'Reflections on the Latin American Contribution to Development Theory,' *Development and Change* 22, 1991: 31-68.

J. Palma, 'Structuralism,' in Eatwell (ed) *Economic Development*

Related Readings:

*Sylvia Maxfield and John Nolt, 'Protectionism and the Internationalization of Capital: US Sponsorship of Import Substitution Industrialization in the Philippines, Turkey, and Argentina,' *International Studies Quarterly* (34) 1990: pp.49-81.

§George Rosen, *Western Economists in Eastern Societies: Agents of Change in South Asia, 1950-1970*. (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1985): Chapters 1,2 & 8.

Nils Gilman, *Mandarins of the Future: Modernization Theory in Cold War America*. (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004): Chapter 1.

Background Readings:

R. Rosenstein-Rodan, 'Problems of Industrialization in Eastern and Southeastern Europe,' *The Economic Journal* 53, 1943: pp.202-211.

W. Arthur Lewis, "Economic Development with Unlimited Supplies of Labor," in

Agarwala and Singh *The Economics of Underdevelopment* (1955).

R. Prebisch, *The Economic Development of Latin America and its Principal Problems* (New York: United Nations, 1950).

H. Singer, 'The Distribution of Gains between Investing and Borrowing Countries,' *American Economic Review* 40(2), 1950.

W. W. Rostow, *The Stages of Economic Growth: A Non-Communist Manifesto* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1960): pp.1-12.

E. Shils, 'Political Development of the New States,' *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 2/3 1960.

3/5:

The Dependency Critique

Andre Gunder Frank, 'The Development of Underdevelopment,' *Monthly Review* (18) 1966: pp. 17-31.

Henry Bernstein and Howard Nicholas, 'Pessimism of the Intellect, Pessimism of the Will? A Response to Gunder Frank,' *Development and Change* vol. 14, 1983: pp.609-624.

Related Readings:

*J. Palma, 'Dependency: A Formal Theory of Underdevelopment or a Methodology for the Analysis of Concrete Situations of Underdevelopment,' *World Development* 6, 1978: pp.881-924.

*T. Dos Santos, 'The Structure of Dependence,' *American Economic Review* 60:2, 1970: 231-6.

§Cardoso, F.H. and E. Faletto. 1979. *Dependency and Development in Latin America*. Berkeley: University of California Press. Preface to the English Edition.

*Brenner, R. 1977. The Origins of Capitalist Development: A Critique of Neo-Smithian Marxism. *New Left Review* (104), 1977.

§Frederick Johnstone, 'White Prosperity and White Supremacy in South Africa Today,' *African Affairs* vol. 69, 1970: 124-140.

3/10:

The 1970s: Basic Needs

Dudley Seers, 'The Meaning of Development,' *International Development Review* (XI) 1969: pp.2-6.

International Labour Organization, *Employment, Incomes, and Equality: A Strategy for Increasing Productive Employment in Kenya* (Geneva, 1972): ch. 1.

Robert McNamara, 'Paupers of the World and How to Develop Them,' (Excerpts from the Address to the Board of Governors, World Bank, Nairobi 1973).

Robert Wood, 'Basic Needs and the Limits of Regime Change,' in *From Marshall Aid to Debt Crisis: Foreign Aid and Development Choices in the World Economy*. Berkeley: University of California Press: pp. 195-231.

Related Readings:

§Michael Goldman, 'The Rise of the Bank,' in *Imperial Nature: The World Bank and Struggles for Social Justice in the Age of Globalization*. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005): pp. 46-99.

§Yves Dezalay & Bryant Garth, *The Internationalization of Palace Wars: Lawyers, Economists, and the Contest to Transform Latin American States*. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2002): pp.73-94;141-152.

Background Readings:

Ester Boserup, *Women's Role in Economic Development*. London: Allen & Unwin, 1970.

Michael Lipton, *Why Poor People Stay Poor: Urban Bias in World Development*. (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1977).

3/12 - 3/19: The 1980s: The Neoliberal Counterrevolution & Structural Adjustment

Peter Gowan *The Global Gamble* (London: Verso Press, 1999): esp. pp. 8-12; 16-35; 41-44;48-50.

William Canak, 'Debt, Austerity, and Latin America in the New International Division of Labor,' in *Lost Promises: Debt, Austerity, and Development in Latin America* (Westview Press, 1989): pp.9-29.

Lance Taylor, 'The Revival of the Liberal Creed: the IMF and the World Bank in a Globalized Economy,' *World Development* 25 (2) 1997: 145-152.

Diane Elson 'Male Bias in Structural Adjustment.' In H. Afshar and C. Dennis *Women and Adjustment Policies in the Third World*. (New York: St. Martin's Press): 46-68.

Thomas Biersteker, 'Reducing the Role of the State in the Economy: A Conceptual Exploration of IMF and World Bank Prescriptions,' *International Studies Quarterly* 34 (4) 1991: pp. 477-492.

Related Readings:

§Michael Watts 'Development II: The Privatization of Everything.' *Progress in Human Geography* 18(3), 1994: 371-384.

*William Easterly 'The Lost Decades: Developing Countries' Stagnation in Spite of Policy Reform 1980-1998' *Journal of Economic Growth* 6 (2001): 135-57.

3/31 – 4/2: The 1990s & Beyond: The Rise and Decline of the Washington Consensus

Jeffrey Williamson, 'Democracy and the Washington Consensus,' *World Development* 21(8),

1993:1329-36.

Gillian Hart, 'Development Critiques in the 1990s: *culs de sac* and promising paths,' *Progress in Human Geography* 24 (4) 2001: 649-658.

Robert Wade, 'Greening the Bank: The Struggle over the Environment, 1979-1995,' in D. Kapur (ed) *The World Bank: Its first Half Century* (Washington: Brookings Institution Press, 1997): pp. 611-614; 729-734.

Ismail Serageldin *Sustainability and the Wealth of Nations: First Steps in on Ongoing Journey*. Washington: The World Bank Environmentally Sustainable Development Studies and Monograph Series, No. 5: 1996.

Re-read Mohan & Stokke (2000) & Escobar (1995b) (from Part I).

Related Readings:

*Michael Hudson & Jeffrey Sommers 'The End of the Washington Consensus' *Counterpunch* Dec. 12/14, 2008.

§Doug Porter & David Craig (2006) *Development Beyond Neoliberalism? Governance, Poverty Reduction & Political Economy*. (London: Routledge): Chapters 1 & 9.

§Gillian Hart (2002). 'Development/s beyond Neoliberalism? Power, Culture, Political Economy. *Progress in Human Geography* 26 (6): 812-822.

*Charles Gore (2000). 'The Rise and Fall of Washington Consensus as a Paradigm for Developing Countries.' *World Development* 28(5): 789-804.

§Michael Goldman (2005). *Imperial Nature: The World Bank & Struggles for Social Justice in the Age of Globalization*. (New Haven: Yale University Press): Chapter 4.

Part III

Beyond Local/Global Dichotomies: Space, Place, Power, & Difference

(Preliminary: to be revised)

4/7-4/14: Contesting Geographies of Globalization & D/development

Friedman, T. (2005) *The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux: Chapters 1 & 11 (with review by Vandana Shiva).

Barnett, T "The Pentagon's New Map" (March 2003) *Esquire Magazine*.

Ferguson, J. (2006) "Governing Extraction: New Spatializations of Order and Disorder in Neoliberal Africa," in *Global Shadows: Africa in the Neoliberal World Order*. Durham: Duke University Press.

Massey, D. (1994). "A Global Sense of Place," in *Space, Place and Gender*. Minnesota: University of Minnesota Press: 146-156 & "The Geography of Power," unpublished paper.

4/16 – 4/21: Unfolding D/developments in Post-Apartheid South Africa

Mbeki, G. (1995) *Sunset at Midday*. Johannesburg: Nolwazi Publishers, pp.101-120.

Hart, G. (2002). *Disabling Globalization: Places of Power in Post-Apartheid South Africa*. Berkeley: University of California Press (pp 1-33; 290-313); & "Post-Apartheid Developments in Comparative and Historical Perspective," in V. Padayachee (ed.) *The Development Decade? Economic & Social Change in South Africa, 1994-2004*. Pretoria: HSRC Press; "The New Poor Laws and the Crisis of Local Government" *Amandla* 2007.

Pithouse, R. "The Necessity, Promises and Pitfalls of Global Linkages for South African Movements," in Gibson, N. (ed) (2006) *Challenging Hegemony: Social Movements and the Quest for a New Humanism in Post-Apartheid South Africa*. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press.

4/23: Reworking "The Local"

The Sangtin Writers Collective (2006). *Playing with Fire*. Minnesota: University of Minnesota Press: Introduction & Postscript.

4/28 – 4/30: Redrawing the Map of the World?

Reshaping Economic Geography: The 2009 World Development Report. Washington DC: The World Bank.

Readings on the meltdown.

5/5 – 5/7: Course Review