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Description:

This seminar offers a graduate-level introduction to the comparative politics of the developing areas. It will emphasize states and state formation, various approaches to the analysis of economic, social, and political development, the major responses to neoliberal globalization in the global south, particularly on the left of the political spectrum, and the question of regime change in the developing world.

Book Available for Purchase at the Bookstore:


Requirements:

(a) **Reading commentaries:** you will be required to prepare two short papers of 3-4 pages in length, each of which will offer critical consideration of the assigned reading materials for a particular week. You may emphasize any theme or themes within the readings, and need not cover all of the assigned items for the week. The aim is to identify what is at stake in the selected material, evaluate the approach of the author or authors, and reflect briefly upon how the puzzle or debate in question might in your view best be addressed. These papers must be handed in before the week’s seminar begins, either electronically or in person. *Grade: 15%.*

(b) **Seminar presentation:** you will be required deliver one substantial presentation, of 20-25 minutes, which will offer an introduction to some (but not necessarily all) of the week’s readings as well as an additional reading component (a couple of journal articles or book chapters) chosen by the presenter. In addition to effective summary and integration of the selected readings, you should raise questions and challenges in such a way as to stimulate seminar discussion in the time to follow. Your presentation and your reading commentaries should come on different weeks. *Grade: 20%.*

(c) **Seminar participation:** you will be expected to provide consistent, informed, and active participation throughout the term. *Grade: 25%.*

(d) **Research paper:** you will be required to write a research paper (12-15 pages for Masters students, 18-20 pages for Doctoral students) on a subject related to the themes and empirical content of the seminar. *Grade: 40%.*
COURSE READINGS:

State Formation in the Global South (January 15)


Modernization Theory (January 22)


Marxist and Dependency Theories (January 29)

Richard Peet and Elaine Hartwick, Theories of Development: Contentions, Arguments, Alternatives (The Guilford Press, 2009), chapter 5 (pp. 144-66).


Development and Destabilization (February 5)


Jeff Goodwin, *No Other Way Out: States and Revolutionary Movements, 1945-1991* (Cambridge University Press, 2001), chapter 1 (pp. 16-31), and chapter 2.

**State-Led Approaches to Development (February 12)**


**Post-Modern and Post-Colonial Approaches (February 26)**


**Embedded Market Approaches (March 5)**


Sandbrook, chapter 1.

**Neoliberalism and its Limits (March 12)**

Sandbrook, chapter 2 (pp. 27-50), and chapter 3 (63-101).


**The Political Left in the Global South (March 19)**

Sandbrook, chapters 2 (pp. 50-62), 4, and 5.

**Democratic Alternatives and Alternatives to Democracy (March 26)**

Sandbrook, chapters 6 and 7.


Baogang He and Mark E. Warren, “Authoritarian Deliberation: The Deliberative Turn in Chinese Political Development.” *Perspectives on Politics* vol. 9, no. 2 (June 2011).

**Return to the State: Historicity (April 2)**