

**POLITICAL SCIENCE 347.01**  
**International Development: Theories & Practices**  
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The term "modernization" is often used today to refer to the process currently experienced by Third World nations. For some it means a change from simple forms of politics, economy, and society to more complex forms. For others it means becoming carbon copies of the developed Western nations. For still others it means becoming enmeshed in an Imperialist `World System' controlled by the powerful capitalist countries.

In this course we will examine these views and the theories of development and underdevelopment which underlie them. Through a survey of the historical experience of the `modern' Western countries and the current experience of the Third World we will be able to evaluate the progress, promise, and tragedy of `modernization.'

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. Identify what is meant by modernization and development while understanding the complexities associated with reaching a commonly accepted definition of the terms
2. Improve student's understanding of how different theories define and approach the issue of modernization and development
3. Enhance student's understanding of the historical context of the modernization and development and the key actors within it
4. Improve student's understanding of how development and globalization are linked, and the challenges and opportunities that globalization presents to developing countries
5. Students will demonstrate the ability to produce reasoned critiques of social science literature by being able to identify the thesis of a work and formulate their own evaluations of it and defend their positions.

### **CRITICAL REVIEW PROJECTS**

Every student is required to write a *critical review of the literature* for Topics I, II, III, V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX (3 pages minimum 4 pages maximum). Each review will be worth 10% of your grade.

### **CORE READINGS**

The following books or articles must be read before the class for which they are scheduled. Books are available at the **College Bookstore**. Articles marked with an asterisk (\*) are available at **SAS/E** on Calhoun Street (near Pitt).

## POLI 347 INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: THEORIES & PRACTICES

W.W. Rostow, **The Stages of Economic Growth**. Cambridge.

Max Weber, **The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism**. Routledge.

Full text .PDF is available at

[http://openlibrary.org/books/OL17967952M/The\\_Protestant\\_ethic\\_and\\_the\\_spirit\\_of\\_capitalism](http://openlibrary.org/books/OL17967952M/The_Protestant_ethic_and_the_spirit_of_capitalism).

W. Warren Wagar, **A Short History of the Future**. 3rd Edition. U. of Chicago.

\* Immanuel Wallerstein, "**Rise and Future Demise of the World Capitalist System**"

++ Immanuel Wallerstein, **Utopistics** – photocopy download

\*Sandra Halperin, "**Development of Industrial Capitalism and Democracy in Europe and the Contemporary Third World,**" from **In the Mirror of the Third World**

\*Connelly & Kennedy, "**Must it be the Rest Against the West?**"

\*J.H. Plumb, "**Introduction**" & "**Chapter One,**" from **The Growth of Political Stability in England.**

\*Samuel Huntington, "**Political Order and Political Decay,**" from **Political Order in Changing Societies.**

\*Karl Marx, "**Pathways of Social Development: A Brief Against Suprahistorical Theory**"

\*Cristobal Kay, "**Reformist and Marxist Approaches to Dependency,**" from **Latin American Theories of Development and Underdevelopment.**

\*Cristobal Kay "**Dependency: Debates, Critiques, and Beyond,**" from **Latin American Theories of Development and Underdevelopment.**

\*Post & Wright, "**State Socialist Accumulation**" from **Socialism and Underdevelopment**

\*Rosen & McFadyen, "**Introduction**" from **Free Trade and Economic Restructuring In Latin America**

\*Bill Warren, "**Imperialism and Capitalist Industrialization**"

\*Osvaldo Martínez, "**A Critique of Neoliberalism**" from **Neoliberalism in Crisis**

\*Robert Went, "**Globalization: Waiting -- in Vain – for the New Long Boom**" from **Science and Society**, Vol. 29 #3 July 2005

## TOPICS

### I. **ON THE WESTERN IMAGE OF ITS RISE AND DEMISE? (or how the West thought it won and how it fears it might lose)**

Read: Max Weber, **The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism**

\*Connelly & Kennedy, "**Must it be the Rest Against the West?**"

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### II. MODERNIZATION THEORY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Read: W.W. Rostow, The Stages of Economic Growth

### III. POLITICAL MODERNIZATION OR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT?

Read: \*Samuel Huntington, *"Political Order and Political Decay"*

### IV. STABILITY, DEMOCRACY, AND MODERNIZATION

Read: \*J.H. Plumb, *"Introduction" & "Chapter One,"*

### V. DEPENDENCY THEORY vs MODERNIZATION THEORY (or how everyone else lost)

Read: \*Karl Marx, *"Pathways of Social Development: A Brief Against Supra-historical Theory"*

\*Cristobal Kay, *"Reformist and Marxist Approaches to Dependency"*

### VI. WORLD SYSTEMS ANALYSIS APPROACH (we're all in this together, sorta...)

Read: \* Immanuel Wallerstein, *"Rise and Future Demise of the World Capitalist System"*

++ Immanuel Wallerstein, Utopistics – photocopy download

### VII. CRITIQUES OF DEPENDENCY THEORY FROM THE LEFT: MODES OF PRODUCTION AND ORTHODOX MARXISM-LENINISM

Read: \*Cristobal Kay *"Dependency: Debates, Critiques, and Beyond"*

\*Bill Warren, *"Imperialism and Capitalist Industrialization"*

### VIII. SOCIALISM AS FAILURE AND DILEMMAS OF 'DEVELOPMENT' – NEO-LIBERALISM AND THE CONTEMPORARY SCENE

Read: \*Post & Wright, *"State Socialist Accumulation: The Resource-Constrained Economy"*

\*Rosen & McFadyen, *"Introduction"* (Neo-liberalism)

\*Osvaldo Martínez, *"A Critique of Neoliberalism"*

\*Robert Went, *"Globalization: Waiting -- in Vain – for the New Long Boom"*

### IX. THE FUTURE: PROGRESS, MODERNIZATION, OR OBLIVION?

Read: W. Warren Wagar, A Short History of the Future.

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### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND POLICY**

**Class format** - Lectures will be combined with extensive class discussion. The success of this course depends upon your active participation!!

**Attendance** - **Attendance is mandatory. More than 4** un-excused absences will produce a grade of "F" (since only I can excuse you, check with me first)

#### **Electronics Policy**

All laptops, ipods (or equivalent), and cell phones must be turned off during class time. If you must have your cell phone on for emergency purposes it must be set to vibrate only. Papers may not be submitted by email unless cleared with me first.

#### **Paper submissions**

I will not accept papers placed in my office mailbox nor under my door nor by email. Papers must be handed to me at the appropriate time when they are due.

**Exams** - There will be no exams in this course.

**Critical Review Projects** - see page one. The assignment will be further discussed in class.

### **PLAGIARISM**

Plagiarism is considered the worst academic offense. It will lead to failure in this course at the minimum. I am interested in what **you** have to say, not in your regurgitating what someone else says. Regurgitation is for birds.

Plagiarism is the verbatim repetition, without acknowledgment, of the writings of another author. All significant phrases, clauses, or passages, taken directly from source material must be enclosed in quotation marks and acknowledged either in the text itself or in footnotes/ endnotes.

Borrowing without acknowledging the source.

Paraphrasing the thoughts of another writer without acknowledgment. Allowing any other person or organization to prepare work which one then submits as his/her own.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Please feel free to see me at any time - I have an open door policy. Formal office hours are MW 3-5pm.

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**FINAL GRADE WILL BE COMPUTED AS FOLLOWS:**

Critical Review-Topic I	10%
Critical Review-Topic II	10%
Critical Review-Topic III	10%
Critical Review-Topic V	10%
Critical Review-Topic VI	10%
Critical Review-Topic VII	10%
Critical Review-Topic VIII	10%
Critical Review-Topic IX	10%
<u>Participation</u>	<u>20%</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**GRADES**

A 4.00	C 2.00
A- 3.67	C- 1.67
B+ 3.33	D+ 1.33
B 3.00	D 1.00
B- 2.67	D- 0.67
C+ 2.33	F 0.00

**Deadlines** - Will be established during the first week of class. Failure to meet deadlines without a legitimate excuse will result in a failing grade.