

POLI 4064
Comparative Politics of Developing Countries
Fall 2020
12:30-1:20 MWF/Online

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M|W|F 11:30-12:30

OBJECTIVE: The course is designed to analyze the forces and trends characteristic of politics in developing countries. We will use examples of all the major regions of the Third World (Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East) in order to better understand the pervasive nature of the political crisis that has engulfed the developing world.

The University strives toward Learning Competency and the fulfillment of the following objectives:

- ⇒ Ability to think, describe, interpret and analyze the world
- ⇒ Facility to make sense of the world that impacts on our own local system
- ⇒ The need to gain critical perspectives of the governments and institutions across various political systems

COVID-19 Statement

We remain under pandemic conditions and expect to be in this state for the entire semester. In order to consistently provide the highest quality LSU education, all students should follow current LSU guidelines. These include the following:

1. If you have any signs of illness, do not come to class.
2. In order to protect all campus community members, the University requires everyone to wear facemasks/cloths on campus. Failure to do so is a violation of the code of student conduct.
3. Wash hands with soap and water or clean with sanitizer frequently, and refrain from touching your face.
4. If you have to cough or sneeze unexpectedly, please be mindful of others nearby and cough or sneeze into your elbow or shield yourself the best you can.
5. If you have been exposed to others who have tested positive for COVID-19, self-quarantine consistent with current [CDC guidelines](#).

Daily Symptom Checker:

You are required to respond to a daily symptom check request sent via email or text message each morning. Completing the symptom checker will take approximately one to two minutes. Once you have provided information about your symptoms, you will be given feedback on whether or not you are certified to return to campus and attend your classes. Additionally, if you test positive for COVID-19, you are required to report it in your daily symptom checker application.

Resources for Students: Your health and safety are LSU's top priority. If you are feeling ill or overwhelmed with anxiety, please contact the [LSU Student Health Center](#) for medical advice

and mental health support. General health care and mental health support are available for all enrolled students through telehealth appointments.

Unexpected Changes to Courses: Due to the unpredictable nature of the situation, the format of the course and/or requirements may be forced to change, and if this is the case that students will be given appropriate notification.

TEXTBOOK: There is one required text for the course:

Handelman, Howard. *Challenges of the Developing World*. New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016

Also, you will be required to read NYT articles regularly, on current developments in Third World countries.

GRADES

Class Participation	10
Take-Home Exam	20
Midterm Exam	20
Research Paper	20
Final Exam	30
Total	100

A+ 100 – 95	B 84.9 – 80	C- 69.9 - 67
A 94.9 - 90	B- 79.9 - 77	D+ 66.9 – 65
A- 89.9 - 87	C+ 76.9 - 75	D 64.9 – 60
B+ 86.9 - 85	C 74.9 – 70	D- 59.9 - 57
	F below 57	

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: You are required to attend all class sessions on Zoom and keep up with the reading assignments as well as the on-going events in the Third World. All Exams and Assignments must be completed on a timely basis and submitted on Moodle.

LECTURE OUTLINE & ASSIGNMENTS

Aug 24-Sept 04	Introduction: Context of Third World Reality; Contemporary Condition of Developing Countries	Handelman: Preface & Chap 1
Sept 07-14	History of Developing Countries	
Sept 16-23	Theory in the Study of Developing Countries: Modernization Theory; Revisionist Theory; Marxist & Dependency Theory	Handelman Chap 1

Sept 25	Take-Home Exam Due by 11:55 pm	
Sept 28- Oct 05	Leadership & Ideology: Who are the Leaders and what guides their governing styles: Varied examples	Handelman Chap 4
Oct 07-09	Institutions in Third World Politics: State Institutions; Judiciary; Executive; Legislature; Political Parties; Non-State Groups/Associations	Handelman Chap 4
Oct 12-14	Democracy in the Third World: The Emergence; The Transition; The Explosion; The Problems	Handelman Chap 2
Oct 16	Midterm Exam Due by 11:55 pm	
Oct. 19-30	Strategies to Development: The Third World Condition; Need for Economic Transformation; Varied Strategies: Land Reform to MDGS/SDGS	
Nov 02-06	Constraints to Development: Classes, Clientelism, & Corruption; Education and Social Change; Race, Ethnicity, & Caste System; Women and Population	Handelman Chaps. 4, 5, 6 & 7
	<i>Intervening Forces in Third World Politics</i>	Handelman Chaps. 3, 7 & 8
Nov 09-11	Military Rule	
Nov 13-16	Insurgency & Revolution	
Nov 18-20	Religion & Politics	
Nov 18	Research Paper Due by 11:55 pm	
Nov 23	No Class	
Nov 30-Dec 04	Review Session/Course Evaluation	
Dec 10	Final Exam by 11:55 pm	