

**Politics 351/ WWS 311**  
**The Politics of Development**  
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**Course Description:** This course will focus on **the state's role in promoting economic growth and distribution in the developing world**. The core organizing question for the course is: why have some regions of the developing world been more successful at industrialization and/or poverty alleviation than other regions. The students will learn about the typical patterns of development in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The countries that will receive special attention will include China, India, South Korea, Nigeria and Brazil. While learning about specific cases, we will also address such general issues: role of states and markets in development; importance of democratic versus authoritarian regimes as agents of growth and distribution; and the significance of a country's global setting for its developmental trajectory. The course will compare a variety of models of development by combining historical, political and economic analysis.

In addition to course lectures, students will be expected to read regularly and to participate in precepts. I have tried to keep the average weekly readings to 200 pages (some weeks more but other weeks less). The grade for the course will be determined by two brief take-home exams (20% each) and one longer take-home final exam (40%). The quality of participation in the precepts will also be graded (20%).

**Other important matters to note:**

- Regular attendance is mandatory. If you have to miss a class or a precept for medical reasons, please provide a note from health services. If you miss more than two classes (or precepts) without a medical reason, you will lose half a grade.
- The use of smart phones in the classroom (both lectures and precepts) is strictly prohibited. You can use computers for taking lecture notes. However, please note that all research suggests that you will comprehend the lectures better if you take notes by hand.
- Extensions on assignments will only be given for medical reasons, with a note from health services.

The reading material for the course will be available both as books ordered at the University bookstore and as e-readings. The following books ought to be available at the bookstore or from amazon.com:

Joe Studwell, *How Asia Works: Success and Failure in the World's Most Dynamic Region*, Grove Press, 2013

Atul Kohli, *Poverty amid Plenty in the New India*, Cambridge University Press, 2012.

Peter Kingstone, *The Political Economy of Latin America: Reflections on Neoliberalism and Development*, Routledge, 2018

Nicholas van de Walle, *African Economies and the Politics of Permanent Crisis, 1979-1999*, Cambridge University Press, 2001.

Dani Rodrik, *The Globalization Paradox*, W.W. Norton, 2011.

**Note:** If you would like a quick background on any of the major countries discussed in this course, you can consult Mark Kesselman et al *Introduction to the Politics of the Developing World* (the most recent edition.) I have not ordered this book but it should be readily available at the library.

## **I. Introduction to the course** (one week, two lectures)

During the first week, we will explore what the course is about and review the state versus market debate that will frame the empirical materials we will study during the course.

**Note: No reading is required for the first week.** If you wish to deepen your understanding of the state-market debate in scholarly and/or policy context, the following readings may be useful. Whether you chose to do this recommended reading or not, **do get started on the reading for the second week;** reading load will increase sharply as the course goes on, **so get ahead and stay ahead.** There will be **no precepts** during the **first week.**

### **Recommended reading:**

Dani Rodrik, "Rescuing Economics from Neoliberalism," Boston Review, Nov. 6, 2017.

Human Development Report 2013, The Rise of the South, pp. 1-18

Joseph Stiglitz, "Is There a Post-Washington Consensus Consensus?" in Narcis Serra and Joseph Stiglitz, eds., The Washington Consensus Reconsidered, 2008, pp. 41-56.

World Bank, Commission on Growth and Development, The Growth Report, 2008, 1-12 (Overview).

Human Development Report, 1996, pp. 1-10 and p. 20.

World Bank, Economic Growth in the 1990s, 2005, foreword, xi-xiii and Ch. 1, 1-30.

Anne O. Krueger, "Government Failures in Development," Journal of Economic Perspectives, Summer 1990, pp. 9-23.

World Development Report, 1991, pp. 1-11.

Robert Wade, Governing the Market 1990. 8-33.

## **II. East Asia (South Korea and China): (three weeks, six lectures)**

During these three weeks we will focus on the East Asian region in general and on South Korea and China in particular. The total required reading for the three weeks is some 400 pages. Read Studwell during the first week (at least the first 220 pages), then Kohli in the second week (while also finishing Studwell), and then read Gilley and Zweig in the third week.

### **Required Reading:**

Joe Studwell, *How Asia Works*.

Atul Kohli, *State-Directed Development*, chapters 2-3.

Bruce Gilley, "Deng Xiaoping and his Successors," in William Joseph, ed. *Politics in China*, 119-48.

David Zweig, "China's Political Economy," in William Joseph, ed. *Politics in China*, 254-292.

*The New York Times*, Special Report, *China Rules*, November 25, 2018, the following three articles: "Growth of a Global Power;" "Unspoken Bargain;" and "At a Crossroads."

### **Recommended Reading:**

#### **(On the region as a whole)**

Stephan Haggard, *Developmental States*, 2018.

Larry Diamond and Gi-Wook Shin, eds. *New Challenges for Maturing Democracies in Korea and Taiwan*, 2014.

Andrew MacIntyre, T. J. Pempel and John Ravenhill, eds., *Crisis as Catalyst: Asia's Dynamic Political Economy*, 2008.

Ha-Joon Chang, *The East Asian Development Experience: The Miracle, the Crisis and the Future*, 2006.

Joseph Wong, *Healthy Democracies*, 2004, 1-17, 154-73.

Meredith Woo-Cumings, ed., *The Developmental State*, 1999.

World Bank, *The East Asian Miracle*, 1993.

Chalmers Johnson, "Political Institutions and Economic Performance," in Fredric Deyo, ed. *The Political Economy of the New Asian Industrialism*, 1987, pp. 136-164.

Bela Balassa, "Lessons of East Asian Development," *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 1988, S273-290.

### **(On South Korea)**

Elizabeth Thurbon, *Developmental Mindset: The Revival of Financial Activism in South Korea*, 2016.

Byung-Kook Kim and Ezra Vogel, eds. *The Park Chung Hee Era*, 2011.

Alice Amsden, *Asia's Next Giant: South Korea and Late Industrialization*, 1989.

Ramon H. Myers and Mark R. Peattie, eds. *The Japanese Colonial Empire, 1895-1945*, 1984.

Leroy Jones and Il Sakong, *Government Business, and Entrepreneurship in Economic Development: The Korean Case*, 1980.

### **(On China)**

Carl Minzer, *The End of an Era: How China's Authoritarian Revival is Undermining It's Rise*, 2018.

Minxin Pei, *China's Crony Capitalism: Dynamics of Regime Decay*, 2016.

Yuen Yuen Ang, *How China Escaped the Poverty Trap*, 2016.

Arthur R. Kroeber, *China's Economy*, 2016.

Doug Guthrie, *China and Globalization: The Social, Economic and Political Transformation of Chinese Society*, 2012.

Marc Blecher, *China Against the Tides: Restructuring through Revolution, Radicalism and Reform*, (3<sup>rd</sup> edition), 2010.

Yasheng Huang, *Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics: Entrepreneurship and the State*, 2008.

Barry Naughton, *The Chinese Economy*, 2007.

Kenneth Lieberthal, *Governing China*, second edition, 2003.

### **First Take Home Assignment (March 1 noon to March 4 noon)**

#### **III. Latin America (Brazil) (three lectures)**

##### **Required Reading:**

Peter Kingstone, *The Political Economy of Latin America*.

Atul Kohli, *State-Directed Development*, chapter 5.

Kurt Weyland et al, eds. *Leftist Governments in Latin America*, pp. 98-139.

##### **Recommended Reading:**

Virginia Garrard, Peter V. N. Henderson, and Bryan McCann, *Latin America in the Modern World*, 2018.

Lila M. Schwarcz and Heloisa M. Starling, *Brazil: A Biography*, 2018.

Hillel Soifer, *State Building in Latin America*, 2015.

Kenneth Roberts, *Changing Course in Latin America*, 2014.

Giovanni Andrea Cornia, ed. *Falling Inequality in Latin America*, 2014.

Peter Kingstone and Deborah Yashar, Routledge Handbook of Latin American Studies, 2012.

Steven Levitsky and K.M. Roberts, *The Resurrection of the Latin American Left*, 2011.

Thomas E. Skidmore and Peter H. Smith, eds. *Modern Latin America*, 2009.

Fernando Henrique Cardoso, *The Accidental President of Brazil*, 2007.

**IV. India** (three lectures)

**Required Reading:**

Atul Kohli, *Poverty amid Plenty in the New India*, 2012.

Pankaj Misra, "Which India Matters?" *The New York Review of Books*, Nov. 21, 2013 (V. 60, #18).

*The Economist*, Special Report on India, May 23-29, 2015.

**Recommended Readings:**

Christophe Jaffrelot, Atul Kohli and Kanta Murali, eds. *Business and Politics in India*, 2019.

Kanta Murali, *Class, Caste and Capital: Social and Political Origins of Economic Policy in India*, 2017.

Perna Singh, *How Solidarity Works for Welfare: Sub-nationalism and Social Development in India*, 2016.

Amrita Basu, *Violent Conjunctures in Democratic India*, 2015.

Jean Dreze and A. K. Sen, *An Uncertain Glory: India and its Contradictions*, 2013.

Jagdish Bhagwati and Arvind Panagariya, *Why Growth Matters? How Economic Growth in India Reduced Poverty*, 2013.

Maya Tudor, *Promise of Power: Origins of Democracy in India and Autocracy in Pakistan*, 2013

Atul Kohli and Perna Singh, eds. *Routledge Handbook of Indian Politics*, 2013.

**V. Sub-Saharan Africa (Nigeria)** (three lectures)

Nicholas van de Walle, *African Economies and the Politics of Permanent Crisis, 1979-1999*.

Steven Radelet, *Emerging Africa: How 17 Countries are Leading the Way*, 2010, 9-25.

Atul Kohli, *State-Directed Development*, Ch. 9.

*The Economist*, Special Report on Nigeria, June 18, 2015.

**Recommended Readings:**

John Campbell and Matthew T. Page, *Nigeria: What Everyone Needs to Know*, 2018.

L. Whitfield, O. Therkildsen, L. Buur, and A.M. Kjær, *The Politics of African Industrial Policy: A Comparative Perspective*, 2015.

A. Carl LeVan, *Dictators and Democracy in African Development: The Political Economy of Good Governance in Nigeria*, 2015.

Catherine Boone, *Property Rights and Political Order in Africa*, 2014.

David Booth and Diana Cammack, *Governance for Development in Africa*, 2013.

Akbar Norman et al eds. *Good Growth and Governance in Africa*, 2012

Dambiso Moyo, *Dead Aid: Why Aid is not working and how there is a better way for Africa*, 2009.

Benno Ndulu, et. al., *The Political Economy of Economic Growth in Africa*, 2008.

**Second Take Home Assignment (April 12 noon to April 15 noon)**

**VI. Democracy and Development (three lectures)**

**Required Reading:**

Jan Teorell, *Determinants of Democraticization: Explaining Regime Change in the World, 1972-2006*, 2010, 1-15 and 141-54.

Samuel Huntington, *The Third Wave*, 1991, pp. 1-108.

Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way, *Competitive Authoritarianism: Hybrid Regimes after the Cold War*, 2010, 3-36.

A.K. Sen, *Development as Freedom*, 1999, pp. 3-11, 146-59.

**Recommended Readings:**

Stephan Haggard and Robert Kaufman, Dictators and Democrats: Elites, Masses and Regime Change, 2016.

Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson, *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty*, 2012.

Larry Diamond, *The Spirit of Democracy*, 2009.

Jason Brownlee, *Authoritarianism in the Age of Democratization*, 2007.

Nancy Bermeo, *Ordinary People in Extraordinary Times*, 2003.

Carles Boix, *Democracy and Redistribution*, 2003.

Marina Ottaway, *Democracy Challenged: The Rise of Semi-Authoritarianism*, 2003.

Adam Przeworski, et. al., *Democracy and Development*, 2000.

## **VII. Globalization (three lectures)**

### **Required Reading:**

Dani Rodrik, *The Globalization Paradox* (Introduction and pp. 3-206).

### **Recommended Readings:**

Branko Milanovic, *Global Inequality: A New Approach for the Age of Globalization*, 2016.

Miguel Centeno and Joseph N. Cohen, *Global Capitalism: A Sociological Perspective*, 2010.

Richard Peet, *The Unholy Trinity: The IMF, World Bank and WTO*, 2009.

Joseph Stiglitz, *Making Globalization Work*, 2007.

Jeffrey A. Frieden, *Global Capitalism: Its Fall and Rise in the Twentieth Century*, 2006.

Jagdish Bhagwati, *In Defense of Globalization*, 2004.

Joseph Stiglitz, *Globalization and its Discontents*, 2002.

## **VIII. Conclusion (one lecture)**

**No assigned readings.**



