Spring 2003  230.150 ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course introduces students to problems of inequality in wealth and welfare from a global, comparative, and historical perspective. The causes and consequences of inequalities among countries, as well as gender, class, ethnic and regional stratification, are examined. Major theoretical perspectives on international development and global social change are studied and applied to an analysis of contemporary social issues.

REQUIREMENTS: Regular attendance and active participation in discussions are essential for your performance in this course. You should read the weekly assignments before each class. There will be one take-home midterm exam, one research assignment and a take-home final paper. You’ll also write short reviews of two of the five films that will be shown in class. The dates of exams and assignments are indicated on the course schedule.
Grade breakdown:
Take-home Midterm Exam: 25 percent
Assignment (5 double-spaced pages): 30 percent
Two film reviews (1-2 double-spaced pages): 10 percent
Take-home final (10-12 double-spaced pages): 35 percent

ETHICS: The strength of the university depends on academic and personal integrity. In this course, you must be honest and truthful. Ethical violations include cheating on exams, plagiarism, reuse of assignments, improper use of the Internet and electronic devices, unauthorized collaboration, alteration of graded assignments, forgery and falsification, lying, facilitating academic dishonesty, and unfair competition. For more information, visit the Ethics Board Web site at http://ethics.jhu.edu.

BOOKS AND ARTICLES: The following books are for sale at the University Book Center and also available through the Eisenhower Library Reserves. The other readings are also available on the Reserves (marked with * below), either in photocopied form (folder), or accessible through the Library Web pages (electronic journal). Several books from which we’ll read excerpts are also on reserve (book).


WEEK I: What is Development?
January 27: Introduction
January 28: Promises not Kept: Chapters 1, 2
January 29: Third World Atlas, pp. 4-23 and 58-61
*World Development Report 2001/2, pp. 3-5 (handout)*

**WEEK II: Colonization and the Colonial Division of Labor**
February 3: *Promises not Kept*: Chapter 4  
*Development and Social Change*: pp. 3-24  
February 4: Discussion  

**WEEK III: Developmentalism**
February 10: *Promises not Kept*, Chapter 5  
February 11: Film: “From the Barrel of a Gun”  
February 12: *Development and Social Change*, pp. 25-76  
*Promises not Kept*, pp. 145-163  

**WEEK IV: Approaches to Development**
February 18: Film: “Profit and Nothing But”  

**WEEK V: The Unraveling of Developmentalism and the Debt Crisis**
February 25: Discussion  
February 26: *Development and Social Change*: pp. 113-146.  

***TAKE-HOME EXAMS DUE ON MARCH 5***

**WEEK VI: Review and Exam**
March 3: Review  
March 4: No Class  
March 5: Film: “Who’s Counting?”

**SPRING BREAK**

**WEEK VII: Gender and Development**
March 18: Discussion  
WEEK VIII: Development and the Environment
March 25: Film: “Learning from Ladakh”
March 26: *Alex de Waal: “Introduction,” and “Retreat from Accountability: Neoliberalism and Adjustment,” in Famine Crimes, pp. 1-6 and 49-64 (folder).

WEEK IX: The Rise of the “Washington Consensus”
April 1: Film: “Our Friends at the Bank”

WEEK X: Debates around the Washington Consensus
April 8: Discussion
More readings TBA

***ASSIGNMENTS DUE ON APRIL 16***

WEEK XI: Challenges to “Globalization”
April 15: Discussion
April 16: readings TBA on the World Social Forum and the Anti-Globalization Movement

WEEK XII: New Directions in Policy
April 22: Discussion: handouts to be distributed

WEEK XIII: Pressing Issues: Wars and the HIV/AIDS Epidemic
April 29: Review and Evaluation

Monday, May 12: Final Exams Due