

## Development Studies 200: Theory and Research in Development

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Understanding and promoting economic, social, and political development is one of the primary challenges for the world in the twenty-first century. Despite the tremendous efforts over the last fifty years, a large share of the world's population – in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, and some of the Transition Economies – still lives in abject poverty. And while many countries have made the transition to democracy, pervasive inequalities, weak political institutions, and fragile civil societies continue to pose significant challenges to the exercise of genuine democratic freedoms. Moreover, the “problem” of development has become an increasingly global challenge as issues of security, governance, economic stability, and environmental sustainability have become internationalized. Recent cases of economic collapse, political upheaval, and resurgent nationalism provide jarring reminders that we still have much to learn. Success stories that defy traditional trajectories of development – rapid and sustained growth in East Asia, cases of social development without growth, and waves of democratic transitions – call for new explanatory models. Coming to terms with these complexities requires modes of thinking, forms of knowledge, and tools of research that borrow from all the social sciences.

DS 200 is the first half of a two semester course. It explores a range of substantive debates in development by drawing on empirical and theoretical work from the disciplines of anthropology, economics, political science, and sociology. The course has four objectives: 1) to provide students with a broad understanding of current debates and research on development; 2) to evaluate both the differences and complementarities among disciplinary perspectives; 3) to develop interdisciplinary analytic skills that can be applied to concrete research questions; and 4) to foster cross-disciplinary conversation and debate.

DS 201 will be offered in the spring and is designed to assist students in preparing preliminary dissertation proposals (or, in the case of Economics students, a research agenda). The course will be organized around presentations by Brown and external faculty on a range of development topics. While DS 200 can be taken alone, both DS 200 and 201 are required of all students in the Graduate Program in Development.

### Requirements:

- \* Do all the readings and be active class participation
- \* Six 1-3 page thought papers to be shared with class. These are required, but will not be graded, and should be circulated before class.
- \* 1 or 2 group presentations depending on size of class

\* A final research paper in which a substantive research problem is framed and analyzed from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Readings: The following 6 required books can be purchased at the Brown Bookstore.

Sen, Amartya. 2000. *Development as Freedom*. Anchor

*World Development Report 2006: Equity and Development*. 2005. World Bank and Oxford University Press.

Dianne E. Davis. 2004. *Discipline and Development: Middle Classes and Economic Prosperity in East Asia and Latin America*. Cambridge University Press.

Corbridge, Stuart et al. 2005. *Seeing the State: Governance and Governmentality in India*. Cambridge ; New York: Cambridge University Press.

Scheper-Hughes, Nancy. 1992. *Death without Weeping: The Violence of Everyday Life in Brazil*. University of California Press.

Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson. 2005. *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

A course packet with all the other readings is available from Alegra on Waterman and Thayer.

### **Debates on Development**

#### **Sept. 8: Introduction: Course Logistics, etc.**

#### **Sept 15: Foundations I: Alternative Disciplinary Perspectives on Development**

Rostow, Walt W. 1960. *The Stages of Economic Growth: A Non-Communist Manifesto* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press). Chs. 1-5.

Bendix, Reinhard . 1967. "Tradition and Modernity Reconsidered." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 9 (3):292-346.

Lipset, Seymour Martin. 1959. "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy." *American Political Science Review* 53, no. 1 (March): 69-105.

Huntington, Samuel P. 1965. "Political Development and Political Decay." *World Politics* 17, no. 3: 378-430.

Polanyi, Karl. 1957. "The Economy as Instituted Process." Pp. 29-51 in *The Sociology of Economic Life*, edited by mark Granovetter and Richard Swedberg (Boulder: Westview Press, 1992)

## **Sept 22: Foundations II: “Post-Modernization” Approaches to Development**

J. Samuel Valenzuela and Arturo Valenzuela. 1978. “Modernization and Dependency: Alternative Perspectives in the Study of Latin American Development,” *Comparative Politics* 10, no. 4: 535-52.

Collier, David. 1979. “Introduction” [pp. 4-9] and “Overview of the Bureaucratic-Authoritarian Model” [pp. 19-32] in David Collier, ed. *The New Authoritarianism in Latin America*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Evans, Peter. 1986. “Class, State, and Dependence in East Asia: Lessons for Latin Americanists,” Pp. 203-226 in Frederic C. Deyo, ed. *The Political Economy of the New Asian Industrialism*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Brenner, Robert . 1985. "Agrarian Class Structure and Economic Development in Pre-Industrial Europe." Pp. 10-64 in *The Brenner Debate*, edited by T.H. Aston C.H.E. Philipin. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Wolf, Eric. 1982. *Europe and the People Without History*. Berkeley: University of California Press (Chap. 1, pp. 3-23 and Chap 3, pp. 73-101).

## **Sept. 29: The Debate on Development: The Capabilities Approach**

Sen, Amartya. 2000. *Development as Freedom*. Anchor (all).

## **Oct 6: The Debate on Development: Expanding the Capabilities Approach**

Evans, Peter et al. 2002. “Symposium on Development as Freedom by Amartya Sen.” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 37: 54-86.

Watts, Michael. 2000. "Development at the Millennium: Malthus, Marx and the Politics of Alternatives." *Geographische Zeitschrift* 88: 67-93.

Appadurai, Arjun. 2004. "The Capacity to Aspire: Culture and the Terms of Recognition." Pp. 59-84 in *Culture and Public Action*, edited by M. Walton and V. Rao. Stanford University Press.

Bardhan, Pranab. 2001. "Deliberative Conflicts, Collective Action, and Institutional Economics." Pp. 269-300 in *Frontiers of Development Economics*, edited by G. Meier and J. E. Stiglitz. Oxford University Press.

Storper, Michael. 2005. "Society, Community, and Economic Development." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 39: 30-57.

## **Growth and Distribution**

### **Oct 13: Equity and Development**

*World Development Report 2006: Equity and Development* (all).

### **Oct 20: Growth and Distribution**

Stiglitz, Joseph and Karla Hoff. "Modern Economic Theory and Development," Pp. 389-485 in *Frontiers of Development Economics*, edited by G. Meier and J. Stiglitz. Oxford University Press (and commentaries by Gustave Ranis, Abhijit V. Banerjee and Debra Ray).

Moore, Mick et al. 2003. "Polity Qualities: How Governance Affects Poverty" Pp. 167-203 in *Changing Paths: International Development and the New Politics of Inclusion*, edited by P. Houtzager and M. Moore. University of Michigan Press.

Tilly, Charles. 1998. *Durable Inequality*. University of California Press (Chp. 1, pp. 1-40, Chap 2, 41-73).

Bates, Robert H. 1988. "Governments and Agricultural Markets in Africa," Pp. 331-358 in Robert H. Bates, ed. *Toward a Political Economy of Development: A Rational Choice Perspective*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Barry, Sarah. 1989. "Social Institutions and Access to Resources." *Africa* 59: 41-55.

## **Political and Social Contexts of Development**

### **Oct 27: The State and Economic Development**

Dianne E. Davis. 2004. *Discipline and Development: Middle Classes and Economic Prosperity in East Asia and Latin America*. Cambridge University Press (all).

### **Nov 3: State Capacities and Developmental Outcomes**

O'Donnell, Guillermo. 1993. "On the State, Democratization and Some Conceptual Problems: A Latin American View with Glances at Some Postcommunist Countries." *World Development* 21: 1355-70.

Harriss, John. 2003. "Do Political Regimes Matter? Poverty Reduction and Regime Differences across Indian States." Pp. 204-232 in *Changing Paths: International Development and the New Politics of Inclusion*, edited by P. Houtzager and M. Moore. University of Michigan Press.

Catherine Boone. 2003. *Political Topographies of the African State: Territorial Authority and Institutional Choice*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (Chs. 1 and 2, pp. 1-42.)

Corbridge, Stuart et al. 2005. *Seeing the State : Governance and Governmentality in India*. Cambridge ; New York: Cambridge University Press. (Chap 1, 2 and 3, pp. 1-120)

### **Nov 10: Institutions: Why they matter and where they come from**

Corbridge, Stuart et al. 2005. *Seeing the State : Governance and Governmentality in India*. Cambridge ; New York: Cambridge University Press. (Chap 4 and 5, pp. 121-187).

Heller, Patrick. 2001. "Moving the State: The Politics of Decentralization in Kerala, South Africa and Porto Alegre." *Politics and Society* 29:131-63.

Snyder, Richard. 2006. "Does Lootable Wealth Breed Disorder? A Political Economy of Extraction Framework," *Comparative Political Studies* 39:8 (October 2006): 943-968.

Evans, Peter. 2004. "Development as Institutional Change: The Pitfalls of Monocropping and the Potentials of Deliberation." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 38: 30-52.

Gretchen Helmke and Steven Levitsky. 2004. "Informal Institutions and Comparative Politics: A Research Agenda," *Perspectives on Politics* 2: 725-740.

### **Power, Politics and Transformation**

#### **Nov 17: Power and Inequality**

Scheper-Hughes, Nancy. 1992. *Death without Weeping: The Violence of Everyday Life in Brazil*. University of California Press (Chp. 3, 6, 7, pp. 98-127, 216-339).

#### **Dec 1: An Economic Theory of Democracy**

Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson. 2005. *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. New York: Cambridge University Press (selections TBA).

Elisabeth Wood. 2001. "An Insurgent Path to Democracy: Popular Mobilization, Economic Interests and Regime Transition in South Africa and El Salvador," *Comparative Political Studies*, October. Pp. 862-888.

**Dec 8: Deepening Democracy**

Fung, Archon, and Erik O. Wright. 2003. *Deepening Democracy: Institutional Innovations in Empowered Participatory Governance*. London: Verso.

Corbridge, Stuart et al. 2005. *Seeing the State: Governance and Governmentality in India*. Cambridge ; New York: Cambridge University Press. (Chap 6 and 7, pp. 188-249).

Elster, Jon. 1998. *Deliberative Democracy*. Cambridge University Press (Introduction, pp. 1-18).

Rueschemeyer, Dietrich. 2004. "Addressing Inequality." *Journal of Democracy* 15:76-90.

Mazucca, Sebastián. Forthcoming. "Access to Power vs. Exercise of Power: Reconceptualizing Democracy in Latin America," *Studies in Comparative International Development*.