

Development Studies 2000: 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 Africa, Asia, 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 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 2000 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 2010 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 2000 can be taken alone, both DS 2000 and 2010 are required of all students in the Graduate Program in Development.

Requirements:

- * Do all the readings and be active in class participation.
- * Attend the Colloquium on Comparative Research (CCR) presentations held every other Wednesday, 5:00-6:30.
- * Six 1-3 page thought papers to be shared with class. These are required, but will not be graded, and they should be circulated before class.
- * 1 or 2 group presentations depending on the size of the 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.

Cardoso, Fernando Henrique and Enzo Faletto. *Dependency and Development in Latin America*. Berkeley: UC Press, 1979

James Ferguson. 1994. *The Anti-Politics Machine: "Development," Depoliticization, and Bureaucratic Power in Lesotho*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Mamdani, Mahmood. 1997. *Citizen and subject : decentralized despotism and the legacy of late colonialism*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

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

Anna L. Tsing. 2005. *Friction: An Ethnography of Global Connection*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

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

A course packet with most of the other readings is available from Alegra Copy on Waterman and Thayer. Some additional readings will be posted electronically on the course Web CT sight.

Debates on Development

Sept. 3: Introduction: Course Logistics

Sept. 10: 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. 1-3.

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.

Sept. 17: 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. 3-9] 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.

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.

Theda Skocpol, “Bringing the State Back In: Strategies of Analysis in Current Research.” In *Bringing the State Back In*, eds. Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer and Theda Skocpol, 3-37. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1985.

Gupta, Akhil. 1997. “The Song of the Nonaligned World: Transnational Identities and the Reinscription of Space in Late Capitalism.” Pp. 179-99 in Akhil Gupta and James Ferguson, eds. *Culture, Power Place; Explorations in Critical Anthropology*. Durham: Duke University Press.

Sept. 24: The Debate on Development: The Historical-Structural View

Cardoso, Fernando Henrique and Enzo Faletto. *Dependency and Development in Latin America*. (all).

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.

Oct. 1: The Debate on Development: the Capabilities Approach

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

Evans, Peter. 2002. “Collective Capabilities, Culture, and Amartya Sen’s *Development as Freedom*.” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 37: 54-60.

Growth and Distribution

Oct. 8: Equity and Development

Herring, Ronald. "The Impossibility of the Agrarian Reform Theory," in *Changing Paths: International Development and the New Politics of Inclusion*, edited by P. Houtzager and M. Moore. University of Michigan Press.

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.

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.

Frieden, Jeffrey A. 1991. *Debt, Development, and Democracy: Modern Political Economy and Latin America*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Pp. 3-41.

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

Dollar, David and Aart Kraay. 2002. "Growth is Good for the Poor," *Journal of Economic Growth* 7: 195-225.

Oct. 15: Growth and Distribution

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

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

Political and Social Contexts of Development

Oct. 22: History and Institutions in the Making of Development

Acemoglu, Daron, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson. 2001. "The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation," *The American Economic Review* 91, no. 2: 1369-1401.

Stanley L. Engerman and Kenneth L. Sokoloff. 2002. "Factor Endowments, Inequality, and Paths of Development among NewWorld Economies," *Economia*: 41-109.

Matthew Lange, James Mahoney, and Matthias vom Hau. 2006. "Colonialism and Development: A Comparative Analysis of Spanish and British Colonies," *American Journal of Sociology* 111, no. 5: 1412-62.

Abhijit Banerjee and Lakshmi Iyer, "History, Institutions and Economic Performance: The Legacy of Colonial Land Tenure Systems in India," (October 2004).

Oct 29: Colonialism, Power and Democracy

Mamdani, Mahmood. 1997. *Citizen and subject : decentralized despotism and the legacy of late colonialism*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Power, Politics and Transformation

Nov. 5: The State and "Development"

James Ferguson. 1994. *The Anti-Politics Machine: "Development," Depoliticization, and Bureaucratic Power in Lesotho*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Nov. 12: Politics, Institutions and Transformation

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.

Snyder, Richard. 1999. "After Neoliberalism: The Politics of Reregulation in Mexico," *World Politics* 51: 173-204.

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

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.

Nov. 19: Power and Inequality

Anna L. Tsing. 2005. *Friction: An Ethnography of Global Connection*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Dec. 3: Deepening Democracy

Fung, Archon, and Erik O. Wright. 2003. *Deepening Democracy: Institutional Innovations in Empowered Participatory Governance*. London: Verso, pp. 3-42.

Baiocchi, Gianpaolo, Patrick Heller and Marcelo K. Silva. 2008. "Making Space for Civil Society: Institutional Reform and Local Democracy in Brazil," *Social Forces*, 86:3.

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

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.

Cardoso, Fernando Henrique. 2008. "New Paths: Reflections about some Challenges of Globalization." Paper presented at the Workshop on "International Inequality, Then and Now: Revisiting Cardoso and Faletto's *Dependency and Development in Latin America*", Brown University, April 4-5.