

MODERNIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT

INTA 4803BL/INTA 6304
Cherry Emerson 204

Wednesdays, 12:05-2:55 pm

*The law locks up both man and woman
Who steal the goose from off the common
Yet lets the greater felon loose
Who steals the commons from the goose.*

Course overview: This seminar for graduate students and advanced undergraduates is devoted to analysis of modernization and development theories, their contributions to the design of the development project, and their impacts on development practice. We compare mainstream and critical approaches to development and examine the role of diverse development institutions and projects, paying particular attention to rural development, anti-poverty programs, sustainable development and neoliberal policy prescriptions and to their implications for women, indigenous peoples, small farmers, poor urban residents, landscapes and ecosystems in the global south.

Requirements:

Readings and Discussion (30 percent of final grade). Full, informed, and regular participation in class discussions will be expected of all students taking or auditing the course.

Reviews (30 percent of final grade). Every student registered for the course is required to turn in three five-page reviews of all the readings assigned for each of three different weeks. You will also be required to critique the readings at least twice during the course of the semester. Oral critiques should not simply summarize the main points of the readings, but should offer the class additional information about the historical or development context that informed the authors of selected readings. If the article or book assigned is highly controversial, tell us about the controversy surrounding its publication.

Final assignment (40 percent of final grade). *The White Man's Burden*. Students taking the course for a letter grade will be expected to submit a final assignment consisting of (1) an oral or a poster presentation (format to be chosen by the class--10 percent), and (2) a 20-page research paper (30 percent).

Both presentations will consist of a critique of Easterly's arguments based on a study of development projects focused on a given theme in a single country that has been a recipient of development assistance. Thematic examples include, but are not necessarily restricted to integrated rural development, infrastructure (e.g., dams, roads, ports, sewage treatment, urban water provision), legal and/or policy reform, urban development, health care delivery, conservation and "sustainable" development, climate change adaptation, population, decentralization, women in development.

Required Texts. The following texts should be purchased. They are available at the Engineers Bookstore on Marietta Street:

Hirschman, A.O. *Development Projects Observed*

Ferguson, James. *The Anti-Politics Machine*

Grieg, Alastair, David Hulme, and Mark Turner. *Challenging Global Inequality*

Polanyi, Karl. *The Great Transformation*

Easterly, William. *The White Man's Burden*

Class schedule

I. MODERNIZATION AND THEORIES OF DEVELOPMENT

<p>1. August 25 Introduction: Bretton Woods and the Truman Doctrine</p>	<p>Amsden, Alice. Escape from Empire. Chapter 3 Truman Inaugural Address</p>
<p>2. September 1 Modernization as process, modernization as ideology</p>	<p>Gramsci, Antonio. Americanism and Fordism. In <i>Selections from the Prison Notebooks</i>. Pp. 279-313</p> <p>Grieg et al, Chapter 4</p> <p>Polanyi, Karl. <i>The Great Transformation</i>. Chapters 2-6, 14-15, 19-21</p> <p>Mitchell, Timothy. <i>Rule of Experts: Egypt, Technopolitics and Modernity</i>. Chapter 3</p>
<p>3. September 8 Modernization theory and the invention of development</p>	<p>Rostow, W.W. Stages of Economic Growth, Chapters 1-3</p> <p>Scott, James. <i>Seeing Like a State</i>. Chapter 1</p> <p>Banfield, Edward. <i>Moral Basis of a Backward Society</i>, Chapters 5-8</p> <p>Grieg et al. Chapter 5</p>
<p>4. September 15 Dependency and Development</p>	<p>Love, Joseph. 2005. The rise and decline of economic structuralism in Latin America: New Dimensions. <i>Latin American Research Review</i> 40 (3): 100-125</p> <p>Amin, Samir. 1976. Unequal Development. Chapter 4</p> <p>Harvey, David. 2006. Notes toward a theory of uneven geographical development. In <i>Spaces of Global Capitalism</i>.</p> <p>Prebish, Raul. 1970. Change and Development—Latin America’s Great Task. Reprinted in Ivan Marquez, ed., <i>Contemporary Latin American Social and Political Thought</i> (Rowman and Littlefield) 2008.</p>

II. DEVELOPMENT IN PRACTICE

<p>5. September 22 International Institutions</p>	<p>Nelson, Paul. 1995. The World Bank and Non-Governmental Organizations. Chapter 5: Moving money (pp. 87-111)</p> <p>Babb, Sarah. 2003. The IMF in sociological perspective: a tale of organizational slippage. <i>Studies in Comparative International Development</i> 38 (2): 3-27</p> <p>Chapin, Mac. 2004. A Challenge to Conservationists. <i>World Watch Magazine</i> (November, December).</p> <p>Stern, Nicholas and Francisco Ferreira, The World Bank as “Intellectual Actor.” In Devesh Kapur, Devesh, John P. Lewis, and Richard Webb, eds., <i>The World Bank: Its First Half Century. Volume 2 Chapter 12.</i></p>
<p>5. September 29 Knowledge and Expertise</p>	<p>Goldman, Michael. 2001. The birth of a discipline: producing authoritative green knowledge, <i>World Bank Style</i>. <i>Ethnography</i> 2 (2) 191-217.</p> <p>Grieg et al. Chapter 3</p> <p>Long, Norman. Contesting policy ideas from below. In Morten Boas and Desmond McNeill, eds. <i>Global Institutions and Development: Framing the World?</i> Chapter 3</p> <p>Agrawal, Arun. 2005. <i>Environmentality: Technologies of Government and the Making of Subjects</i>. Chapters 1,2</p>
<p>6. October 6 Engineering the Future</p>	<p>Hirschman, <i>Development Projects Observed</i> All</p>
<p>7. October 13 Doing Development</p>	<p>Ferguson, James. <i>The Anti-Politics Machine</i>. all</p>
<p>9. October 20 Development and State Power</p> <p>Annotated bibliographies for final papers due</p>	<p>Randeria, Shalini. 2003. Cunning states and unaccountable international institutions: legal plurality, social movements and rights of local communities to common property resources. <i>Archives of European Sociology</i> 44 (1): 27-60</p> <p>Li, Tania. Compromising power: development, culture, and rule in Indonesia. <i>Cultural Anthropology</i> 14 (3): 295-322.</p> <p>Prakash, Gayan. 1999. Another Reason: Science and the Imagination of Modern India. Chapter 7 (A Different Modernity).</p> <p>Ribot, Jesse. 2009. Authority over forests: empowerment and subordination in Senegal’s democratic decentralization. <i>Development and Change</i> 40 (1): 105-129</p>

III. THE OBJECTS OF DEVELOPMENT

<p>10. October 27 "Getting Agriculture Moving"</p>	<p>World Development Report 2008 (Download directly from World Bank site). Overview, Chapters 1,10,11 http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTRESEARCH/EXTWDRS/EXTWDR2008/0,,contentMDK:21410054~menuPK:3149676~pagePK:64167689~piPK:64167673~theSitePK:2795143,00.html</p> <p>Veltmeyer, Henry. 2009. Commentary: The World Bank on 'agriculture for development': a failure of imagination or the power of ideology?. In <i>Journal of Peasant Studies</i> 36 (No 2): 393-410</p> <p>Wright, Angus. 1990. <i>The Death of Ramon Gonzalez</i>. Chapter 6.</p>
<p>12. November 3 Poverty and Inequality</p>	<p>Sen, Amartya. 1999. Development as Freedom. Chapter 4, Poverty as Capability Deprivation.</p> <p>Sachs, Jeffrey. <i>Common Wealth</i>. Chapters 10,11 (pp. 205-253)</p> <p>Grieg et al. Chapters 1,2</p> <p>Gonzalez de la Rocha et al. 2004. From the marginality of the 1960s to the "new poverty" of today.</p>
<p>13. November 10 Environment as development: the invention of sustainability</p>	<p>Brundtland Report, pp. 1-23</p> <p><i>World Development Report 2010: Development and Climate Change</i>. Overview, 1, 5. http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTRESEARCH/EXTWDRS/EXTWDR2010/0,,contentMDK:21969137~menuPK:5287748~pagePK:64167689~piPK:64167673~theSitePK:5287741,00.html</p> <p>Wade, Robert. The World Bank and the Environment in Boas and McNeill. Chapter 6</p> <p>Buscher, Bram. 2010. Antipolitics as political strategy: neoliberalism and transfrontier conservation in southern Africa. In <i>Development and Change</i> 41 (1): 29-51</p>

<p>14. November 17 Disciplining economies, nurturing globalization</p>	<p>Grieg et al., Chapter 6</p> <p>Wade, Robert. 2004. On the causes of poverty and inequality or Why the Matthew Effect prevails. <i>New Political Economy</i> 9 (2): 163-188</p> <p>Williamson, John. 1999. What should the World Bank think about the Washington Consensus. Background paper for World Development Report 2000</p> <p>Farmer, Paul. 2005. <i>Pathologies of Power</i>. Chapter 1: On Suffering and Structural Violence</p>
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IV. POST-NEOLIBERAL DEVELOPMENT

<p>15. November 24 Modernizing the development project</p>	<p>Grieg, et al., Chapters 7,8</p> <p>Haiti: A Once-in-a-Century Chance for Change. <i>Oxfam Briefing Paper 136 March 2010</i></p> <p>Fault Lines: Perspectives on Haiti's Earthquake in <i>NACLA Report on the Americas</i> 43 (4) July/August 2010, pp. 13-43</p>
<p>16. December 1 Another World is Possible?</p>	<p>Easterly, William. <i>The White Man's Burden</i>.</p>

December 8 : Panel presentations

December 15: FINAL PAPERS DUE BY 4 pm in my mailbox in Habersham