

GVPT 459D
Politics of the Developing World
TuTh 11:00pm - 12:15pm

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Overview:

The goal of this class is to give you an introduction to the relationship between politics and economics in the developing world. The required books are listed below. You can purchase these at the bookstore or through any online retailer (there are no meaningful changes from edition to edition of which I am aware, so any edition will suffice). The books will also be put on reserve at the library. We will also be reading a variety of academic journal articles. These will be available on ELMS. If, by some chance, I've forgotten to post the articles on ELMS, you are still responsible for acquiring and reading them, as they are available online (you may need to sign into UMD's library to access them, though.)

Required Books:

- Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, Alastair Smith, Randolph Siverson, and James D. Morrow. 2003. *The Logic of Political Survival*. MIT Press.
- Easterly, William. 2001. *The Elusive Quest for Growth: Economists' Adventures and Misadventures in the Tropics*. MIT Press.
- Moyo, Dambisa. 2010. *Dead Aid: Why Aid is Not Working and How There is a Better Way for Africa*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Grading & Assignments:

- Midterm Exam: 40%
- Final Exam: 40%
- 5 Unannounced Reading Quizzes: 15%
- Participation: 5%

Important Dates:

- **Midterm Exam:** Thursday March 16
- **Final Exam:** Saturday, May Dec 13, 8:00am – 10:00am

Attendance Policies: Familiarize yourself with the university's absence policy available here:

<http://www.umd.edu/catalog/index.cfm/show/content.section/c/27/ss/1584/s/1540>. Note specifically this point from the university's attendance policy: **"Students claiming excused absence must apply in writing and furnish documentary support for their assertion that absence resulted from one of [the allowable] causes."** If you know that you are to miss an assignment for a religious observance, please inform me at least 24 hours in advance. Absences for university activities must be accompanied by appropriate documentation. Absences due to illnesses: Per the university's policy, "students may be excused from a single lecture, recitation or laboratory session one time per course per semester for a medically necessitated reason. The student should make a reasonable attempt to inform the instructor of his/her illness prior to the class, and present his or her instructor with a self-signed note attesting to the date of his or her illness. This note must include an acknowledgement: (a) that the information provided is true and correct, and (b) that the student understands that providing false information to University officials is a violation of Part 9(h) of the Code of Student Conduct." For more serious illnesses, a doctor's note is required.

Academic Integrity:

The student-administered Honor Code and Honor Pledge prohibits students from cheating on exams, plagiarizing papers, submitting the same paper for credit in two courses without authorization, buying papers, submitting fraudulent documents and forging signatures. On every examination, paper or other academic exercise not specifically exempted by the instructor, students must write by hand and sign the following pledge:

I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this examination (or assignment).

Student Resources:

The university is legally obligated to provide appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities. The campus's Disability Support Service (DSS) works with students and faculty to address a variety of issues ranging from learning disabilities and attention deficit hyperactivity disorders to physical and psychological disabilities. To receive accommodations, students must first register with the DSS and have their disabilities documented by DSS. The DSS office then prepares an Accommodation Letter regarding needed accommodations. Students are responsible for presenting this letter to their instructors by the end of the drop/add period.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Assigned readings are due the day of the class under which they are listed on the syllabus. Please have them read when you come to class. Expect **five** unannounced reading quizzes.

01/26/17: Introduction

Section 1: A Very Brief Introduction to the Economics of Income Growth

01/31/17: Capital, Investment, and Savings

- Easterly Chapters 1 and 2

02/02/17: Technological Progress and Human Capital

- Easterly Chapters 3, 4, 8, 9

Section 2: The State, Regime Type, Institutions, and Income Growth

02/07/17: The Role of the State

- Olson, Mancur, Jr. 1993. "Dictatorship, Democracy, and Development." *American Political Science Review*. 87(3): 567-576.
- Weingast, Barry R. 1995. "The Economic Role of Political Institutions: Market-Preserving Federalism and Economic Development." *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*. 11(1): 1-31.

02/09/17: Democracy and Growth Part I

- Rao, Vaman. 1984. "Democracy and Economic Development." *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 19(4): 67-81.
- de Schweinitz, Karl Jr. 1959. "Industrialization, Labor Controls, and Democracy." *Economic Development and Cultural Change*. 7(4): 385-404.

02/14/17: Democracy and Growth Part II

- Jensen, Nathan M. 2003. "Democratic Governance and Multinational Corporations: Political Regimes and Inflows and Foreign Direct Investment." *International Organization*. 57: 587-616.
- Gandhi, Jennifer 2008. "Dictatorial Institutions and their Impact on Economic Growth." *European Journal of Sociology*. 46(1): 3-30.
- Przeworski, Adam and Fernando Limongi. 1993. "Political Regimes and Economic Growth." *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*. 7(3): 51-69.

02/16/17: Institutions and Income Growth

- Bueno de Mesquita et al. Chapters 1-3

02/21/17: Institutions and Income Growth

- Bueno de Mesquita et al. Chapters 4 and 5.

02/23/17: Institutions and Income Growth in the Long-Run

- Acemoglu, Daron, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson. 2001. "The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation." *The American Economic Review*. 91(5): 1369-1401.
- Sokoloff, Kenneth L. and Stanley L. Engerman. 2000. "History Lessons: Institutions, Factor Endowments, and Paths of Development in the New World." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*. 14(3): 217-232.
- Banerjee, Abhijit and Esther Duflo. 2014. "Under the Thumb of History? Political Institutions and the Scope for Action." *Annual Review of Economics*. 6: 951-971

Section 3: Other Factors that Undermine Economic Growth

02/28/17: Ethnic Fragmentation and Income Growth

- Easterly, William and Ross Levine. 1997. "Africa's Growth Tragedy: Policies and Ethnic Divisions." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 112: 1203-1250.
- Posner, Daniel. 2004. "The Political Salience of Cultural Difference: Why Chewas and Tumbukas are Allies in Zambia and Adversaries in Malawi." *American Political Science Review*. 98(4): 529-545.

Section 4: The Origins of Good and Bad Political Institutions

03/02/17: Does Wealth Cause Democracy? Modernization Theory

- Lipset, Seymour Martin. 1959. "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy." *American Political Science Review*. 53(1): 69-105.
- Huntington, Samuel. 1968. *Political Order and Changing Societies*. Ch. 1
- Przeworski, Adam and Fernando Limongi. 1997. "Modernization: Theories and Facts." *World Politics*. 49(2): 155-183

03/07/17: Does Wealth Cause Democracy? Oil Wealth and Democracy

- Ross, Michael. 2001. "Does Oil Hinder Democracy?" *World Politics*. 53(3): 325-361.
- Paler, Laura. 2013. "Keeping the Public Purse: An Experiment in Windfalls, Taxes, and the Incentives to Restrain Government." *American Political Science Review*. 107(4): 706—725.

03/09/17: Democratic Transitions "From Below"

- Lohmann, Susanne. 1994. "The Dynamics of Informational Cascades: The Monday Demonstrations in Leipzig East Germany, 1989 – 1991." *World Politics*. 47(October): 42-101 (skip the mathematical appendix).

03/13/17: Democratic Transitions "From Above"

- Geddes, Barbara. 1999. "What Do We Know about Democratization After Twenty Years?" *Annual Reviews of Political Science*. 2: 115—144.

03/16/17: MIDTERM EXAM

03/21/17: SPRING BREAK

03/23/17: SPRING BREAK

03/28/16: Inequality and Democracy

- Boix, Carles. 2006. "The Roots of Democracy." *Policy Review*. February & March: 1-19.
- Przeworski, Adam, Michael Alvarez, Jose Antonio Cheibub & Fernando Limongi. 1996. "What Makes Democracy Endure?" *Journal of Democracy*. 7(1): 39-55.

Section 5: Strategies of Development in Practice: "Import-Substitution" and "Export-Lead" Industrialization

03/30/17: Dependency Theory

- Gunder Frank, Andre. 1966. "The Development of Underdevelopment." *Monthly Review*. September: 4-17.
- Valenzuela J. Samuel and Arturo Valenzuela. 1978, "Modernization and Dependency: Alternative Perspectives in the Study of Latin American Underdevelopment." *Comparative Politics*. 10(4): 535-557.

04/04/17: Import Substitution: The Strategy and its Consequences

- Smith, Tony. 1979. "The Underdevelopment of Development Literature: The Case of Dependency Theory." *World Politics*. 31(2): 247-288.

04/06/17: The Asian Miracle: What is it? How Miraculous Is It?

- World Bank. 1993. "Growth, Equity, and Economic Change." in The World Bank. *The East Asian Miracle*.
- Krugman, Paul. 1994. "The Myth of Asia's Miracle." *Foreign Affairs*. 73(6): 62-78

Section 6: The IMF

04/11/17: The Political Economy of the International Monetary Fund: Background

- No reading today

04/13/17: Do IMF Programs Work?

- Nooruddin, Irfan and Joel W. Simmons. 2006. "The Politics of Hard Choices: IMF Programs and Government Spending." *International Organization*. 60:1001-1033.
- Przeworski, Adam and James Raymond Vreeland. 2000. "The Effects of IMF Programs on Economic Growth." *Journal of Development Economics*. 62 (2): 385-421.
- Strom C. Thacker. 1999. "The High Politics of IMF Lending." *World Politics*. 52: 38-75.

Section 7: Foreign Aid

04/18/17: Two Prominent Aid Critics

- Easterly, William. 2003. "Can Foreign Aid Buy Growth?" *Journal of Economic Perspectives*. 17(3): 23-48.
- Moyo All

04/20/17: What's Right and Wrong With Aid: Thinking about the Donors

- Baker, Andy. 2015. "Race, Paternalism, and Foreign Aid: Evidence from U.S. Public Opinion." *American Political Science Review*. 109(1): 93-109.
- Winters, Matthew S. and Gina Martinez. 2015. "The Role of Governance in Determining Foreign Aid Flow Composition." *World Development*. 66: 516-531.
- *Skim*: Alesina, Alberto and Beatrice Weder. 2002. "Do Corrupt Governments Receive Less Foreign Aid?" *American Economic Review*. 92: 1126-1137.
- *Skim*: Birdsall, Nancy. 2004. Seven Deadly Sins: Reflections on Donor Failings, CGD Working Paper 50.

04/25/17: What's Right and Wrong With Aid: Thinking about Recipients:

- Remmer, Karen. 2003. "Does Foreign Aid Promote the Expansion of Government?" *American Journal of Political Science*. 48(1): 44-92.
- Briggs, Ryan C. 2014. "Aiding and Abetting: Project Aid and Ethnic Politics in Kenya." *World Development*. 64: 194-205.
- Dietrich, Simone. 2011 "The Politics of Health Aid: Why Corrupt Governments Have Incentives to Implement Aid Effectively." *World Development*. 39(1): 55-63.

Section 8: Special Topics

04/27/17: Conflict

- Fearon, James and David Laitin. 2003. "Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War." *The American Political Science Review*. 97(1): 75-90.

- Walter, Barbara F. 2009. "Bargaining Failures and Civil War." *Annual Review of Political Science*. 12: 243-261.

05/02/17: Post-Conflict Recovery

- Fortna, Page. 2004. "Does Peacekeeping Keep Peace? International Intervention and the Duration of Peace After Civil War." *International Studies Quarterly*. 48(2): 269-292
- Flores, Thomas Edward and Irfan Nooruddin 2009. "Democracy Under the Gun: Understanding Post Conflict Economic Recovery." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 53(1): 3-29.

05/04/17: Gender Politics in the Developing World: The Gendered Resource Curse

- Ross, Michael L. "Oil, Islam, and Women." *American Political Science Review*. 102 (1): 107-123.
- Norris, Pippa. 2011. "Mecca or Oil? Why Arab States Lag in Gender Equality."
- Simmons, Joel W. 2015, "Resource Wealth and Women's Economic and Political Power in the U.S. States." *Comparative Political Studies*. 1-38.

05/09/17: What Kind of Development is Good for Women?

- Caraway, Teri L. 2006. "Gendered Paths of Industrialization: A Cross-Regional Analysis." *Studies of Comparative International Development*

05/13/17: **Final Exam**, 8:00am – 10:00am