

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY-AFRICA
IRL. 3035: POLITICS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS
COURSE SYLLABUS
CREDIT: 4 UNITS
LECTURER:

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Development patterns in less developed countries (LDCs); examination of North-South relations, their role in international organizations; issues in modernization and industrialization.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course aims to provide an introduction to the politics of Third World Nations, notably in Asia, Africa and Latin America. It does so through an analytical theoretical perspective and within the context of North-South/South-South relations.

By the end of this course, the students should be able to:

- conceptualize the theories of dependence and under-development.
- discuss the development patterns in less development countries (LDCs)
- analyze the North-South relations and the implications on the development of LDCs.
- assess the main issues in modernization and industrialization of LDCs.

COURSE CONTENT

To enhance the students understanding, conceptualization and assessment of the developing nations, this course will emphasize the following main topics:

Week 1 & 2

Theories of dependence and underdevelopment.

Week 3 & 4

Patterns of development in LDCs.

Week 5&6

North-South relations.

MID-QUARTER EXAMINATION

Week.7&8

Role of LDCs in International Organizations.

Week.9&10

Issues in modernization and industrialization.

Week 11

FINAL EXAMINATION

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The course will mainly comprise of lectures and class discussions (tutorials). Students are expected to attend all classes unless there is prior arrangement with the lecturer. In addition, the students should read all the required materials before coming to class.

Participation in the class discussions is required of every student. Moreover, each student is required to write one research paper and sit for both the mid-term test and the final exam.

COURSE TEXT

Manor J; *Rethinking, Third World Politics* (London: Longman, 1992.)

READINGS

Ankie, M. M., *The Third World in Global Development* (London : Macmillan 1982).

Barlow, C; *The Third World* (London: B.T. Batsford, 1979).

Cammack, P. Pool & W. Tordoff; *Third World Politics. A Comparative Introduction* (London: Macmillan Ed., 1988)

Gwynne, R. N; *New Horizons: Third World Industrialization in an International Framework* (New York: Longman, 1990).

McNamara, R. S.; *African's Development Crisis: Agriculture, Stagnation, Population Explosion and Environmental Degradation* (Washington DC: Global Coalition for Africa, April, 1991).

Mountjoy A. B; *The Third World: Problems and Perspectives* (London: Macmillan 1979)

Randal V. & R. Theobald; *Political Change and Underdevelopment. A Critical Introduction to Third World Politics* (London: Macmillan, 1985)

Salter R. O, B.M Schutz and S.R. Dorr; *Global Transformation and the Third World* (Boulder, Colorado: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1993)

Thomas C.Y; *Dependence and Transformation: The Economics of the Transformation to Socialism* (New York : Monthly Review Press, 1974).

COURSE EVALUATION

Attendance/participation	10%
Research paper	15%
Mid-term paper	25%
Final exam	50%
Total	100%