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PSC 240 - Introduction to Third World Studies
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This is a lecture-discussion course designed to introduce the student to issues of concern in the Third World, primarily from the non-Western perspective. As such, students are expected to do all the assigned readings on schedule, to attend classes regularly and to participate in class discussions.

Other course requirements are:
2 quizzes..................20%
a mid-term exam on March 8......30%
a final exam or research term paper..40%
attendance and participation.......10%
The mid-term and final will be essay questions.

Textbooks: J. P. Dickenson and others, A Geography of the Third World [GTW]; Hazel Johnson and Henry Bernstein, editors, Third World Lives of Struggle [TWLS]

Jan. 13
Introduction

Jan. 16-20
The Third World: What is it? Where is it?
(1) Concepts and Characteristics of Third World
(2) Western approaches to Third World development
Reading: GTW ch. 1

Jan. 23-27
Explaining Third World Underdevelopment
(1) Third World on the eve of European contact
Equal But Different (video)
(2) Euro-American development and Third World underdevelopment
Reading: GTW ch. 2

Jan. 30-Feb. 3
Revolt against under-development
(1) Nationalism in the Third World
(2) The Non-alignment Movement
(3) Is non-alignment relevant today?
Reading: Robert Rothstein, "From Non-Alignment to International Class War," in International Affairs 52 (Oct. 1976) pp. 598-616

Feb. 6-10
A Life of Struggle: The Economy & Struggle
Against Hunger I
(1) Political Economy of Hunger and Famine
(2) Nature & Problems of Agricultural Production
(3) Peasant Life & Peasant Organizations
Reading: TWLS #1, 2, and 5-10

Feb. 13-17
The Struggle Against Hunger and Malnutrition II
(1) The Role of Women
(2) Food Aid and Its Impact
Readings: TWLS # 20, 22-24, 26-27
Feb. 16 is the last day to drop the class.
Feb. 22-24  
**Population, Development and Environment**  
(1) Third World Population: growth, characteristics, control  
(2) Population and Sustainable Development  
(3) Population, Finite Resources and Development: Water as example  
Readings: GTW Ch. 3

Feb. 27-Mar. 3  
**The Political Economy of Third World Industrialization and Rural Development**  
(1) Population and Urbanization: Rural Urban Migration and Its Effects on Development  
(2) The State and Third World Development: Overview  
(3) Development Planning and Its Problems  
Readings: GTW Ch. 9, TWLS pp. 92-95 #11-14

Mar. 6-10  
**The Political Economy of Third World Industrialization and Rural Development II**  
(1) Pattern and problems of industrialization  
(2) Politics and problems of rural transformation  
(3) Case studies: Brazil, China and Tanzania  
Readings: GTW chs. 5 & 6

Mar. 20-24  
**The Role of Aid Agencies**  
(1) Aid and Development: Obstacle or Catalyst?  
(2) The Role of NGOs and GROs  
Readings:

Mar. 27-31  
**Third World Debt Crisis**  
(1) Origins of Debt Accumulation  
(2) Current Solutions: Success or Failure? Case Studies  
(3) Alternative Solutions: The African Proposal  

Apr. 3-7  
**Third World Conflicts and Conflict Resolution**  
(1) Types and Sources of Third World Conflict  
(2) Prevention and Resolution  
(3) Arms Control  

Apr. 10-14  
**Refugees and International Migration**  
(1) Refugees and Refugee Assistance  
(2) Repatriation and Development  
(3) US Policy on Refugees and Refugee Assistance  
Third World and International Security in the Post-Cold War Era
(1) The Changing Notions of Security
(2) International Security in the New World Order: Western vs. Third World perceptions

Third World Regionalism
(1) Regionalism: The Concept and Its Dimensions
(2) Third World Economic Integration: Why They Fail
(3) The Andean Pact and ASEAN in the light of NAFTA and FTAA
Reading: Carol Lancaster, "The Lagos Three" hp.

The Politics of Economic Integration In Africa and the Caribbean
(1) CEAO, ECOWAS, SADC and the African Economic Community: Progress or Stagnation?
(2) The CARICOM
Final Exam 3:20-5:20 pm