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PSC 240 - Introduction to Third World Studies
Spring Term 1995

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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

Readings: Jan Joost Teunissen, "The International Monetary Crunch: Crisis or Scandal?" in Alternatives (Vol. 12, 1987) hp and J. Barry Riddell, "Things Fall Apart Again: Structural Adjustment Programs in Sub-Saharan Africa," in Journal of Modern African Studies 30, 1 (1992), pp. 53-68 hp.

Apr. 3-7

Third World Conflicts and Conflict Resolution

- (1) Types and Sources of Third World Conflict
- (2) Prevention and Resolution
- (3) Arms Control

Reading: Kim Holmes, "New World Disorder: A Critique of the United Nations" in Journal of International Affairs hp.

Apr. 10-14

Refugees and International Migration

- (1) Refugees and Refugee Assistance
- (2) Repatriation and Development
- (3) US Policy on Refugees and Refugee Assistance

Readings: Hiram A. Ruiz, "Repatriation: Tackling Protection and Assistance Concerns" in 1993 World Refugee Survey pp. 20-29, and Juan P. Osuna and Christine M. Hanson, "US Refugee Policy: Where We've Been, Where We're Going" in 1993 World Refugee Survey pp. 40-48 hp.

Apr. 17-21

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

Readings: Robert Kaplan, "The Coming Anarchy," in The Atlantic Monthly Feb. 1994, pp. 44-76 hp.

Apr. 24-28

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.

May 1-5

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

Monday May 8.

Final Exam 3:20-5:20 pm