



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
FACULTY OF ARTS

POLI 671 L01
Advanced Comparative Politics: Political Development
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Development is conventionally understood as leading to improvements in the standards of living via industrialization, economic growth, social modernization, and political democratization. Given the continued – and even increased – prevalence of poverty, social marginalization, “failed states,” and violence in the post-colonial countries of the Global South, however, the post-World-War-II project of international development is often dismissed as a failure. Hence, any contemporary study of the comparative politics of “developing” states must necessarily take as its point of departure a critical examination of the contested concept of “development” itself and how it is being increasingly called into question today not only by critics of neoliberal globalization or capitalism, more generally, but also by postcolonial theorists, environmentalists, and feminists, among other groups. These latter critiques and the central challenge they present to “Western” modernity and economic and cultural globalization have, in turn, generated counter-critiques on the part of those seeking more critical forms of modernism and globalism.

In this course, therefore, we will focus on and compare the analysis of development as it is elaborated by supporters of liberal modernization theory, neo-Marxists, post-developmentalists, advocates of alternative/sustainable development, and feminists as well as by proponents of critical modernity and critical globality. Key to these analyses will be how these various orientations treat issues related to neoliberalism, globalization, modernity, cultural diversity, and governance. These discussions will be supplemented with examples and/or case studies focusing on Africa, Latin America, and East/South Asia.

COURSE OBJECTIVES & LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. To provide a contemporary survey of the main theories, issues, and debates in comparative political development in order to help prepare graduate students, at both the MA and Ph.D. levels, to write candidacy exams and/or theses in the field of comparative politics and/or the subfield of comparative political development.
2. To re-evaluate the project of international development and its entanglement with “Western” modernity in the contemporary context of neoliberal globalization, the erosion of state sovereignty, and the concurrent rise of the cultural politics of identity.
3. To promote a deeper, more critical understanding of comparative political development by examining the impact of national/international/transnational economic and social policies, of environmental degradation, and of social movement activism on political governance.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK(S):

- Richard Peet and Elaine Hartwick, *Theories of Development: Contentions, Arguments, Alternatives*. Third Edition. New York: Guilford Press, 2015.*
- Jan Nederveen Pieterse, *Development Theory*. Second Edition. London and Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2010.*
- Rita, Abrahamsen, *Disciplining Democracy: Development Discourse and Good Governance in Africa*. London and New York: Zed Books, 2000.**

PLUS: A selection of book chapters and journal articles available at the Taylor Family Library, in e-books and e-journals-, or in the form of (single) scanned articles/chapters posted in the “course readings” file on d2l.

*These books are available from the TFDL in e-book format and as hard copies at the University of Calgary Bookstore.

**A hard copy of this book has been placed on reserve at the TFDL. It is also available at University of Calgary Bookstore.

COURSE COMPONENT WEIGHTS AND DUE DATES:

COMPONENT	WEIGHTING	DUE DATES
Class participation	20%	term
Seminar presentation (2X15%)	30%	variable
Essay Proposal	10%	Nov. 19
Final essay	40%	Dec. 13
Total	100%	

COURSE SCHEDULE & TOPICS: The schedule is tentative and may change as the need arises.

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS*
Week 1: Sept. 12	Introduction: Development Theory and Practice Today	- Peet and Hartwick, Chapter 1, "Introduction: Growth versus Development" (pp. 1-24) - Pieterse, "Introduction" (pp. xvi-xviii) and Chapter 1, "Trends in Development Theory" (pp. 1-18)
Week 2: Sept. 19	The Political Economy of Development I: Classical, Neo-classical, Keynesian and Neoliberal Economics	- Peet and Hartwick, Chapter 2, "Classical and Neoclassical Economics" (pp. 23-62) and Chapter 3, "From Keynesian Economics to Neoliberalism" (pp. 63-118) - Pellizzoni, "Nature, Government, and the Ontology of the Present" (pp. 45-69) - Behrendt, "Investing in People: Extending Social Security through National Social Protection Floors" (pp. 228-259)**
Week 3: Sept. 26	Development Theory I: Modernization Theory	- Peet and Hartwick, Chapter 4, "Development as Modernization" (pp. 119-162) - Berger and Weber, "The Resurrection of Nation-Building and Modernization (pp. 106-130)** - Anseeuw and Taylor, "Factors Shaping the Global Land Rush" (pp. 36-47) - Pieterse, Chapter 2, "Dilemmas of Development Discourse: The Crisis of Developmentalism and the Comparative Method" (pp. 19-35)
Week 4: Oct. 3	Development Theory II: Neo-Marxist Orientations	- Peet and Hartwick, Chapter 5, "Marxism, Socialism, and Development" (pp. 163-221) - Amin, "The Millenium Development Goals: A Critique from the South" (pp. 1-15) - Chibber, "The Nation Unmoored" (pp. 249-283)** - Pieterse, Chapter 4, "Delinking or Globalization?" (pp. 54-63)**
Week 5: Oct. 10	The Political Economy of Development II: "Post-neoliberal" Neo-Structuralism	- Leiva, Chapter 1, "Combining Growth, Equity, and Democracy" (pp. 1-20), Chapter 2, "Methodological Retreats" (pp. 21-41), and Chapter 8, "The Future of Latin American Neostructuralism" (pp. 271-284)[all]**

		- Webber, “The Economic Structures of Reconstituted Neoliberalism” (pp. 177-229)
Week 6: Oct. 17	Development Theory III: Post-Development	- Peet and Hartwick, Chapter 6, “Poststructuralism, Postcolonialism, and Postdevelopmentism” (pp. 222-268) - Escobar, “Discourse and Power in Development” (pp. 377-400)** - Pieterse, Chapter 5, “The Cultural Turn in Development” (pp. 64-82) and Chapter 7 “After Post-Development” (pp. 110-124)
Week 7: Oct. 24	Development Theory IV: Sustainable and Alternative Development	- McLaren, “Environmental Space, Equity, and the Ecological Debt” (pp. 19-38) - Pieterse, Chapter 6, “My Paradigm or Yours: Variations on Alternative Development” (pp. 83-109)**, and Chapter 10, “Digital Capitalism and Development” (pp. 166-181) - Klein, “Hot Money” (pp. 64-95)
Week 8: Oct. 31	Development Theory V: Feminism and Development	- Connelly et al, “Feminism and Development” (pp. 51-106) - Peet and Hartwick, Chapter 7, “Feminist Theories of Development” (pp. 269-305) - Mukhopadhyay, “Mainstreaming Gender or ‘Streaming’ Gender Away?” (pp. 135-149) and Molyneux, “The Chimera of Success” (pp. 227-240)[both]**
Week 9: Nov. 7	The Political Economy of Development III: Neoliberalism and the Problematization of Poverty	- Escobar, “The Problematization of Poverty” (pp. 21-54)** - Cochrane, “Rural Poverty and Impoverished Theory,” (pp. 167-206) - Pieterse, Chapter 8, “Equity and Growth Revisited” (pp. 125-141) - Pogge, “A Critique of the Sustainable Development Goals’ Potential to Realize the Human Rights of All,” (pp. 1-15)
Nov. 11-17	Fall Block Week	No classes
Week 10: Nov. 21	Neoliberal Governance and Development I: Africa	- Ajakaiye and Jerome, “Economic Development: The Experience of Sub-Saharan Africa” (pp.732-749). - Bond, “Sub-imperialism as Lubricant of Neoliberalism: South African ‘deputy sheriff’ duty with BRICS” (pp. 251-270) - Abrahamsen, Chapters 1-4 (pp. 1-85)** - Abrahamsen, Chapters 5-8 (pp. 86-147)**

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Week 11: Nov. 28	Neoliberal Governance and Development II: Latin America	- Cupples, Chapter 3, “Economic Development” (pp. 49-76), Chapter 6 “Identity Politics” (pp. 141-174), and Chapter 7 “The Politics of Indigeneity” (pp. 175-201)[all]** - Cochrane, “Climate Change, <i>Buen Vivir</i> , and the Dialectic of Enlightenment” (pp. 576-598) - Tomlinson, “Vicious and Benign Universalism” (pp. 45-59)
Week 12: Dec. 5	Development Theory VI: Critical Modernism and Critical Globalism	- Peet and Hartwick, Chapter 8, “Critical Modernism and Democratic Development” (pp. 309-324) - Pieterse, Chapter 3, “The Development of Development Theory: Towards Critical Globalism” (pp. 36-53), and Chapter 12, “Twenty-first-century Globalization and Development” (pp. 203-219)

*Full bibliographic information and links to e-books/e-journals/posted articles provided on “Schedule of Topics and Readings” posted in “course information” file on d2l.

**Possible articles for seminar presentation. Final selection of articles for seminar presentation will depend on course enrolment.

ASSIGNMENT(S)

Seminar presentations should be approximately 30-45 minutes in length and must include the distribution of a prepared handout (approximately 4-7 pages, point format) that includes a brief biography of the author (where appropriate) plus a summary and a critical analysis of the reading. These presentations should draw on some secondary sources, especially for assistance in formulating the critical analysis of the reading. Sign-up sheets for seminar presentations will be circulated during the first class. Students should choose one seminar from the first cycle (weeks 2-6) and one from the second cycle (weeks 7-12). A “seminar guidelines” and “seminar evaluation sheet” will be posted in the “course information” file on d2l. Students are *strongly encouraged* to come during office hours with a draft of their seminar presentation to ensure that they are on the right track.

The paper proposal should be approximately 3-4 pages in length. It should include a brief overview of the topic proposed, a thesis statement, and a tentative list of references. This proposal should be submitted by email.

ESSAYS/RESEARCH PAPER(S)

Students will be free to propose a topic for their final essay. The topic chosen should, however, engage with one or more of the themes/approaches/authors discussed in class by, for example: (i) analyzing, in more depth, a specific theme/approach/author; (ii) undertaking a critical comparison of various themes/approaches/authors; (iii) applying a specific approach or the work of a particular author to a practical development issue of interest and relevance to the student. Hence it should draw on both course readings and outside references, particularly those chosen from the “Extra Readings List” on reserve at the TFL. (The proportions of course versus outside readings consulted for the essay will vary with the topic but should include at least 50% of the former.) The course essay should be approximately 15-18 double-spaced pages in length (12-point font, 1” margins, using any standard citation style accepted at U of C). The content, depth of analysis, and quality of the writing will all be considered in the grading of this essay. The essay should be submitted, in a pdf or (older version) Word file, via the digital drop box on d2l. Students are advised to keep a copy of their exam until their final course grade has been released.

PARTICIPATION

Participation requires, before anything else, actually being present in class. Given that this is a seminar-format course and many of the readings we will discuss in this class are complex, discussions are particularly important and attending class is therefore essential. Consequently, class attendance will be taken and counted for 5% of the course grade or one-quarter of the total participation mark. Participation also entails preparing for class by reading the assigned chapters/articles, including those that have been designated for formal seminar presentation, and noting issues and queries for discussion in class. Hence the rest of the participation mark will be based on the overall quality – rather than just the quantity – of a student’s contributions to class discussion (15%). Good participation also requires treating other students and the instructor with respect – i.e., not interrupting or attempting to dominate class discussions – as well as engaging in dialogue and debate with classmates and the instructor. It entails, as well, using your laptops and ipads, if and when you choose to bring them to class, for taking notes and for accessing relevant documents and information on the internet rather than for texting, email, and surfing the web. Attendance at office hours for assistance with seminar presentations, clarification of concepts and ideas discussed in readings and classes, and with the final course essay is strongly encouraged. Please note that important updates and announcements will be regularly posted on d2l and/or sent out via email. *Therefore it is the students’ responsibility to regularly check both the d2l site for the course and their University of Calgary email accounts.*

GRADE SCALE: The following grading scale will be used:

A+ (96-100)	B+ (80-84.9)	C+ (65-69.9)	D+ (53-54.9)
A (90-95.9)	B (75-79.9)	C (60-64.9)	D (50-52.9)
A- (85-89.9)	B- (70-74.9)	C- (55-59.9)	F (0-49.9)

WRITING STATEMENT

Written assignments are often required in Political Science courses, including this one, and the quality of writing skills, including but not limited to such elements as grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, clarity, citation, and organization, will be taken into account in the determination of grades. Students are encouraged to make use of the services offered through Writing Support Services in the Student Success Centre (3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library) or at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support>.

LATE PENALTIES

Students who, for some serious reason, will be late in presenting their in-class seminar or in handing in their final essays should consult with the instructor about this before these assignments are due. Essays submitted after the deadline and seminar presentations that have been postponed, without prior consultation and/or documentation, may be penalized with the loss of 5% in the assignment grade for each day late (not including weekends).

INSTRUCTOR GUIDELINES

Students requiring assistance are encouraged to speak to the instructor during class or their office hours. Should you wish to meet outside of office hours, please telephone or email to make an appointment. It is to the student's advantage to keep such appointments.

Email is a common form of communication but it is not always the most effective way of answering student questions. If you cannot make office hours, please request a one on one meeting outside of these hours.

Students are welcome to use laptops and other electronic note-taking devices in this course. Please be considerate of others and switch off all cellphones when you enter the classroom. Sending/receiving texts and browsing the Web is extremely disruptive to others and will not be tolerated.

IMPORTANT POLICIES AND INFORMATION

Absence From a Mid-term Examination:

Students who are absent from a scheduled term test, quiz, or seminar presentation for legitimate reasons (e.g. illness with the appropriate documentation) are responsible for contacting the instructor via email within 48 hours of the missed test to discuss alternative arrangements. A copy of this email may be requested as proof of the attempt to contact the instructor. Any student who fails to do so forfeits the right to a makeup test. Any student who fails to do so forfeits the right to a make-up test.

Deferral of a Final Examination:

Deferral of a final examination can be granted for reasons of illness, domestic affliction, and unforeseen circumstances, as well as to those with three (3) final exams scheduled within a 24-hour period. Deferred final exams will not be granted to those who sit the exam, who have made travel arrangements that conflict with their exam, or who have misread the examination timetable. The decision to allow a deferred final exam rests not with the instructor but with Enrolment Services. Instructors should, however, be notified if you will be absent during the examination. The Application for Deferred Final Exam, deadlines, requirements and submission instructions can be found on the Enrolment Services website at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams>.

Appeals:

If a student has a concern about the course or a grade they have been assigned, they must first discuss their concerns with the instructor. If this does not resolve the matter, the student can then proceed with an academic appeal. The first in an academic appeal is to set up a meeting with the Department Head. Appeals must be requested within 15 days of receipt of the graded assignment.

University Regulations:

Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the University policies found in the Academic Regulations sections of the Calendar at www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-regs.html.

Student Accommodations:

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

Plagiarism And Other Forms Of Academic Misconduct:

Academic misconduct in any form (e.g. cheating, plagiarism) is a serious academic offence that can lead to disciplinary probation, suspension or expulsion from the University. Students are expected to be familiar with the standards surrounding academic honesty; these can be found in

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the University of Calgary calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html>. Such offences will be taken seriously and reported immediately, as required by Faculty of Arts policy.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP):

FOIP legislation requires that instructors maintain the confidentiality of student information. In practice, this means that student assignment and tests cannot be left for collection in any public place without the consent of the student. It also means that grades cannot be distributed via email. Final exams are kept by instructors but can be viewed by contacting them or the main office in the Department of Political Science. Any uncollected assignments and tests meant to be returned will be destroyed after six months from the end of term; final examinations are destroyed after one year.

Evacuation Assembly Points:

In the event of an emergency evacuation from class, students are required to gather in designated assembly points. Please check the list found at www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints and note the assembly point nearest to your classroom.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:

For program planning and advice, visit the Arts Students' Centre in Social Sciences 102, call 403-220-3580 or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit arts.ucalgary.ca/advising for program assistance.

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit their office in the MacKimmie Library Block.

Important Contact Information:

Campus Security and Safewalk (24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year)
Phone: 403-220-5333

Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Students' Union Representatives

Phone: 403-220-6551
Email: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca,
arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
Students' Union URL: www.su.ucalgary.ca

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Graduate Students' Association

Phone: 403-220-5997

Email: ask@gsa.ucalgary.ca

URL: www.ucalgary.ca/gsa

Student Ombudsman

Phone: 403-220-6420

Email: ombuds@ucalgary.ca

Campus Mental Health Resources

SU Wellness Centre: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre>

Campus Mental Health Strategy: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth>