

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science 3311 FDE

Third World Politics and Society

INTRODUCING MYSELF

Hi everyone, welcome to my course on Third World Politics and Society. Before getting into the course outline I want to briefly introduce myself. This is Dr. Islam, Professor of Political Science at Lakehead University. I graduated with my doctorate, Ph.D. from McGill University. Since obtaining my doctorate I have been teaching courses in International law and politics. I have taught at many universities in many countries of the world. I have written 9 books and nearly 80 articles in internationally reputed journals. If you would like to know more about me, please visit the [Political Science of Lakehead University](http://www.politicalscience.lakeheadu.ca) website.

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Let's now go through the course outline.

Course Description and Objectives

This is an introductory course on Third World Politics. Its purpose is to acquaint the student with the selected issues of the Third World; the process of achieving independence; state building and nation-building; crises of political development and economic development; the role of bureaucracy and army. Empirical examples will be drawn from Asia, Africa and Latin-America.

Teaching Methodology

Online modules, text book and online asynchronous discussions.

Marking Scheme:

Mid-term test.....30% : OCTOBER 23, 2015

Final Exam.....40% : DECEMBER 9, 2015

Participation.....30% (in minimum 10 Discussion Forums)

Textbook

Howard Handelman, *The Challenge of Third World development* (available for purchase in-person or online through the [Lakehead University bookstore](#))

TEST AND EXAMINATION: YOU WILL FIND QUESTIONS IN THE DROPBOX

Preparation

There are no assignments in this course other than a mid- term Test and a Final Examination. The Mid-Term Test is worth 30% and the Final examination is worth 40%. The test and examination will be released on pre-defined dates through the DROPBOX and answers must be submitted through the same link, online, by the due dates. The Mid-term test and the final examination must be taken on the assigned dates. NO request for supplemental tests or alternative dates will be accepted. The Mid-Term test will consist of 8 short answer questions (You answer 5) and the Final examination will consist of 10 short answer questions (You answer 8).

Note: Each question answer must be (single-spaced typed) minimum one page but cannot exceed more than two pages. Questions for each test will remain available for a specified period and must be completed within that period.

ANSWER MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE DROPBOX AS WELL. .HARD COPY IN MY OFFICE OR AS ATTACHMENT VIA MY EMAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. AFTER THE DUE DATE THE COMPUTER WILL NOT ACCEPT YOUR SUBMISSION. Please ensure your name is clearly typed on every page of your answers.

The Mid Term Test will cover the materials discussed in the first 5 modules and corresponding readings from the text book (refer to Reading Schedule below). **The mid-term test questions will be released on October 23, at 6 a.m.**

EST. Responses are due no later than October 24 at 11.59 p.m. EST. Submit completed test through the DROPBOX. If you encounter technical difficulties submitting your test please send me an email.

The Final Examination will cover the materials discussed in modules 6 to 12 and the corresponding readings from the text book. **The final exam questions will be released on December 9, at 6 a.m. EST. Responses are due no later than December 11 at 6 a.m. EST. Submit completed exam through the DROPBOX. If you encounter technical difficulties submitting your exam please send me an email.**

Discussion Forums (30% Marks)

DISCUSSION FORUMS: Marks on Discussion will be based on QUANTITY (number of threads/postings in each forum) and QUALITY of Comments.

The discussion forums are areas where you can review concepts, discuss difficulties you may be having about a particular concept, collaborate with peers, or to discuss just about anything you want to share with your fellow students. For participation marks in Discussion Forums, students are required to comment on each topic of the week. Students have one week to respond to others in discussion forum. Students have to debate, raise questions and comment on each others' responses. . **DISCUSSION FORUM WILL OPEN/CLOSE EACH WEEK ON MONDAY AT 6 a.m.**

I will be visiting the Discussion Forums regularly but grading will be done in total at the end of the semester.

Tips for Participating on a Discussion Board

- Think ideas through before responding.
- You do not want to respond to be considered flaming. It often helps to outline responses before responding.
- Be polite and respectful.

-Use good communication skills. Keep your comments concise, but do meet the requirements posted for discussion by the instructor.

-Avoid brief affirmations such as "Amen", "Ditto", and "I agree".

-Don't quote or copy long passages from a previous post. Quote only the relevant portions to make your response clear. Pay careful attention to instructions. Be sensitive with your use of language.

-Use subject lines in your post to keep the flow going for a certain discussion item. Be sure to change the subject line if you are changing the direction of the discussion.

-Try to stay on track and respond directly to comments being made. (Adapted from Dakota State University, Distance Education Orientation website)

Mandatory participation in a minimum of 10 Discussion forums/sessions is required to obtain participation marks.

Students will participate in these forums by accessing the "Discussion Area" portion of their online course. For participation marks in Discussion Forums, students are required to comment on each week's topic written in the module and text book reading.

MODULES/READINGS SCHEDULE

MODULES ARE MERELY BULLET POINTS FROM MY CLASS LECTURES. THEY ARE NOT EXPLAINED IN DETAIL. IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THOSE POINTS AND GET EXPLANATION YOU NEED TO READ THE BOOK.

It is imperative to keep up-to-date with the course readings. The pre-mid term the course will cover Modules 1 through 5 and corresponding readings from the textbook. After the mid term the course will cover Modules 6 through 12 and corresponding readings from the textbook.(see the Mid term Test and Final Examination Preparation section above for details).

TOPICS- READINGS

The Corresponding readings from the Text book do not necessarily match with the module. However, both are complementary. So, both are necessary.

I. The Third World

1. What is Third World? - Module 1 & Chapter 1

II. Third World: The Past

2. The process of colonization, decolonization and Impact of colonialism - Module 2

III. Contemporary Third World

3. Third World Today: Dilemmas of Underdevelopment: New and old Politics - Module 3 & Chapter: 2

4. State building and Stability - Module 4

5. Crises of Political Development And Modernization Imperative in the Third World - Module 5

6. The Politics of Nation Building Module 6 and Chapters 3 & 4

7. Women and Development Module 7, Chapter 5

MID-TERM TEST opens October 23, at 6 a.m.

8. The Politics of Institution Building Module 8

9. Revolutionary Change- Chapter 8

10. Soldiers in Politics Module 9 & Chapter 9

11. The Politics of Economic Development- and 10 Module 10 & Chapters 6, 7,

12. Narco-politics and International Dimension Module 11

13. Conclusion: The Challenges Ahead Module 12

FINAL EXAMINATION: Opens December 9 at 6 a.m.

Recommended for Further Readings

Alavi, Hamza and Goulbourne, H.L.: *Politics and State in the third world*

Belling, W.A. and Totten, G.A. (eds.): *Developing Nations: Guest for a Model*

Bill James and Hardgrave: *Comparative Politics*

Burnell, Peter J.: *Economic Nationalism in the Third World*

Cammak, Paul and Others: *Third World Politics*

Chaliland, G., : *Revolution in the Third World*

Chilcote, Ronald. *Theories of Development and Underdevelopment*

Clapham, Christopher: *Third World Politics*

Crow, Ben and Thomas, A.: *Third World Atlas*

Finkle, Jason L. and Gable, R.W. (eds): *Political Development and Social Change*

Gilpin, Robert: *The Political Economy of International Relations*

Harrison, Paul:

a) *Inside the Third World*

b) *Third World Tomorrow*

Huntington, Samuel P: *Political Order in Changing Societies*

Kohli, Atul (ed.): *The State and Development in the Third World*

Mier, G.M. : *Emerging From Poverty*

Philips, L.W.: "Why third World", *Third World Quarterly* 1:1 (January 1979) 105-116

Provizer, Norman (eds.): *Analyzing the Third World*

Randall, V. and Theobald, Robin: *Political Change and Underdevelopment*

Weiner, Myron: *Understanding Political Developmen*

Wolpin, M.D. : *Militarization, Internal Repression and Social Welfare in the Third World.*