

COMPARATIVE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT
Department of Political Science – University of Connecticut
POLS 336

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Location: Monteith 119
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This course is designed to engage advanced graduate students in a critical appraisal of the process of political development in less-industrialized states (e.g., countries in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and parts of Europe). Together, we will explore why and how state, market and social forces interact to shape political outcomes in these places. We will focus, in particular, on gender, racial and ethnic, class, and religious dynamics.

Requirements: The main requirement for this course is a final research paper (20-pages, not including bibliography), *due on the last day of class – no extensions. A first draft is due at the beginning of the class during Week 8, and we will hold individual meetings to discuss drafts in Week 9.* Students will make class presentations on their research in the penultimate class session; these presentations should be of conference caliber. Students should use scholarly sources and primary source materials, where possible, to develop an original argument in relation to one of the major themes addressed in class. Preferably, the paper will focus on that issue in the context of a particular country or regional study. The work should be analytical – not purely descriptive. Paper topics should be approved by the instructor.

First draft:	30% of final grade
Research presentation:	20% of final grade
Final draft:	50% of final grade

Logistics. Books are available for purchase in paperback and have been ordered at the UConn Co-Op. A book list is included at the end of this syllabus. Books are also available on reserve at the Babbidge Library. Chapters of books not available for purchase are also on reserve there. Articles are available via VISTA, either under “Electronic Course Reserves” or under “Course Readings.”

INTRODUCTION

Week 1 (January 22): Situating the development literature in comparative politics

Terry Lynn Karl, “Not on Your Vita: The Relevance of Comparative Politics for Public Life,” unpublished manuscript (see VISTA, “Course Readings”)

Discussion references:

UNDP Human Development Report (2005), Overview
Robert A. Dahl, *Polyarchy* (1971), Chapters 1, 2 and 6
Adam Przeworski, *Democracy and the Market* (1991), pages 1-99.

(Please note: these three books are not on Reserve at Babbidge; I will hand out relevant pages in class.)

UNDERSTANDING UNDERDEVELOPMENT

Week 2 (January 29): Roots of contemporary inequality and wealth: the colonial experience, decolonization and early independence

Alexander Gerschenkron, *Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1962), Chapters 1, 2 and 3. (See VISTA, "ECR")

Fernando Enrique Cardoso and Enzo Faletto, *Dependency and Development in Latin America* (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1979), Chapters 1, 2 and 6. (On Reserve in hard copy.)

Robin Broad, editor, *Global Backlash: Citizen Initiatives for a Just World Economy* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2002), Part II, "The Historical Context," pp. 65-112. (See VISTA, "Course Readings")

Week 3 (February 5): A focus on the state

Peter B. Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol, editors, *Bringing the State Back In* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1985), Chapters 1 (by Skocpol), 3 (by Amsden), 6 (by Evans), and 10 (by Stepan). (Book available in Co-Op and on Reserves in hard copy.)

Robert H. Bates, *Markets and States in Tropical Africa: The Political Basis of Agricultural Policies* (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1981). (Book available in Co-Op and on Reserves in hard copy.)

Week 4 (February 12): A focus on the market:

Sylvia Maxfield and Ben Ross Schneider, *Business and the State in Developing Countries* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1997), Chapters 1, 2, 4, and 10. (Book available in Co-Op and on Reserves in hard copy.)

Terry Lynn Karl, *The Paradox of Plenty: Oil Booms and Petro States* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997), Chapters 1, 3 and 10. (Book available in Co-Op and on Reserves in hard copy.)

Recommended:

Stephan Haggard and Robert R. Kaufman, *The Politics of Economic Adjustment* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1992), Introduction and chapters 4, 5, and 6. (Book available in Co-Op and on Reserves in hard copy.)

Susan C. Stokes, "Introduction: Public Opinion and Market Reforms: The Limits of Economic Voting," *Comparative Political Studies* 29, 5 (October 1996): 499-591. (See VISTA, "Course Readings")

Week 5 (February 19): A focus on civil society

Ann M. Florini, editor, *The Third Force: The Rise of Transnational Civil Society* (Washington, DC: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2000), Chapters 1, 4, 7 and 8. (Book available in Co-Op and on Reserves in hard copy)

Jonathan Fox, "The Difficult Transition from Clientelism to Citizenship: Lessons from Mexico," *World Politics* 46, 2 (January 1994): 151-184. (See VISTA, "Course Readings")

ANALYTIC LENSES

Week 6 (February 26): Gender and development

Carmen Diana Deere and Magdalena Leon, *Empowering Women: Land and Property Rights in Latin America* (Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2001), Chapters 1, 2 and 10. (Book available in Co-Op and on Reserves in hard copy.)

Rounaq Jahan, *The Elusive Agenda: Mainstreaming Women in Development* (Atlantic Highlands, NJ: Zed Books, 1995), Chapter 1. (See VISTA, "Course Readings")

Recommended:

Leslie Salzinger, *Genders in Production: Making Workers in Mexico's Global Factories* (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2003). (Book available in Co-Op and on Reserves in hard copy.)

**** SPRING BREAK (no class on March 5)****

Week 7 (March 12): Race, ethnicity and development

Anthony Marx, *Making Race and Nation* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1998). (Book available in Co-Op and on Reserves in hard copy.)

Week 8 (March 19): Class and development

James C. Scott, *Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1985), Chapters 1, 2 and 5. (Book available in Co-Op and on Reserves in hard copy.)

**** DRAFT of paper due at the beginning of class ****

Week 9 (March 26): ** Individual meetings to discuss draft **

Week 10 (April 2): Religion and development

David D. Laitin, *Hegemony and Culture: Politics and Religious Change among the Yoruba* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1986), Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8. (Book available in Co-Op and on Reserves in hard copy)

Miguel Carter, "The Origins of Brazil's Landless Rural Workers' Movement (MST): The Natalino Episode in Rio Grande do Sul (1981-84). A Case of Ideal Interest Mobilization," University of Oxford Centre for Brazilian Studies, Working Paper CBS-43-2003 (2003). Available electronically: <http://www.brazil.ox.ac.uk/carter43.pdf> (See VISTA, "Course Readings")

CONTEMPORARY DILEMMAS

Week 11 (April 9): Overseas development assistance – conditionality, effectiveness and accountability

Nancy Birdsall, Dani Rodrik, and Arvind Subramanian. "How to Help Poor Countries," *Foreign Affairs* 84, 4 (July/August 2005): 136-152. (See VISTA, "Course Readings")

Graham Hancock, *Lords of Poverty: The Power, Prestige and Corruption of the International Aid Business* (New York: The Atlantic Monthly Press, 1989), Preface through page 33. (See VISTA, "Course Readings")

Martin Khor, "Globalization and the South: Some Critical Issues," United Nations Conference on Trade and Development – Discussion Paper No. 147, April 2000. Available electronically via: http://www.twinside.org.sg/title/dp_147_en.pdf (See VISTA, "Course Readings")

Week 12 (April 16): ** RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (in class) **

Week 13 (April 23): *Rethinking democracy and economic development -- Notes from the research frontier*

Guillermo O'Donnell, Jorge Vargas Cullell, and Osvaldo M. Iazzetta, *The Quality of Democracy: Theory & Applications* (Notre Dame, IN: Univ. of Notre Dame, 2004). (Book available in Co-Op and on Reserves in hard copy).

* During this final class session, you will also complete a *course evaluation (in class)*.

BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
UConn Co-Op

Required:

* We will read each of the following 4 books in their entirety:

Robert H. Bates, *Markets and States in Tropical Africa: The Political Basis of Agricultural Policies* (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1981).

David D. Laitin, *Hegemony and Culture: Politics and Religious Change among the Yoruba* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1986).

Anthony Marx, *Making Race and Nation* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1998)

Guillermo O'Donnell, Jorge Vargas Cullell, and Osvaldo M. Iazzetta, *The Quality of Democracy: Theory & Applications* (Notre Dame, IN: Univ. of Notre Dame, 2004).

* We will read up to four chapters from each of the following 6 books:

Fernando Enrique Cardoso and Enzo Faletto, *Dependency and Development in Latin America* (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1979).

Carmen Diana Deere and Magdalena Leon, *Empowering Women: Land and Property Rights in Latin America* (Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2001).

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Leslie Salzinger, *Genders in Production: Making Workers in Mexico's Global Factories* (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2003).