

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
Department of Sociology

Sociology 22: The Sociology of International Development

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This course will introduce students to the major sociological perspectives on economic and political development, with emphasis on developing countries. Among the views to be considered are modernization, which assumes that later developing countries will follow paths once traveled by today's advanced countries; and dependency and world system theories, which view the integration of less developed countries into the world market as problematic and, under certain conditions, even disadvantageous. We will test these theories by applying them to specific cases. A major part of the course will focus on the economic miracle of East Asian countries, as well as cases that have not been so successful. Other important topics to be studied include the influence of states, markets, and multinational corporations in economic development; the relationship between different modes of development and income distribution; and political development and the prospects for democratization.

Any student with a documented disability needing academic adjustments or accommodations is requested to speak with the professor by the end of the second week of the term. All discussions will remain confidential, although the Academic Skills Center may be consulted to verify the documentation of the disability.

Readings:

Amartya, K. S. *Development as Freedom*. New York: Knopf, 1999.

Amsden, A. "The State and Taiwan's Economic Development," in *Bringing the State Back in*. Evans, P. Edited, Cambridge University Press. 1985.

Deyo, F. *The Political Economy of the New Asian Industrialism*, Cornell University Press, 1987.

Easterly, W. *The Elusive Quest for Growth*. Cambridge: the MIT Press, 2002.

Graham, F. "A World Without Islam", in *Foreign Policy* Jan-Feb, 2008

Harrison, L. *Who Prospers: How Cultural Values Shape Economic and Political Success*, Basic Books, 1992.

Huntington, S. "The Clash of Civilizations?" *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 72, No. 3, 1993.

Lim, L. Y. C. "Singapore's Success," *Asian Survey*, Vol. 23, No. 1, 1983.

O'Hearn, D. "The Irish Case of Dependency: An Exception to the Exception?," in *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 54, 1989.

Schaeffer, R. *Understanding Globalization: The Social Consequences of Political, Economic, and Environmental Change*. Roman and Littlefield, 1997.

Singer, P. *One World*. New Haven: 2002.

Smith, J. "Violence, Property Rights, and Economic Growth...," *Research in Law and Sociology*, Vol. 3, pg. 87-106, 1980.

So, A.Y. *Social Change and Development: Modernization, Dependency, and World-System Theories*. Sage Library of Social Research, 1990.

Stiglitz, J. *Globalization and Its Discontent*, Norton, 2002.

Thurow, L. *The Future of Capitalism: How Today's ... Tomorrow*. 1996.

Wade, R. *Governing the Market: Economic Theory and the Role of Government in East Asian Industrialization*, Princeton University Press, 1990.

Weber, M. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*.

Wolf, M. *Why Globalization Works*, Yale University Press, 2004.

Woo-Cumings, M. *The Developmental State*. Cornell University Press, 1999.

Yergin, D. and Stanislaw, J. *The Commanding Heights*. New York: Simon & Shuster, 2002.

***Course Requirements:**

1. Two take-home exams (length ranging from 15 to 25 pages)
2. Class attendance and participation (Missing more than three classes will impact the grade).

Schedule

WEEK 1

Jun. 19-Jun. 20

Introduction to the Sociology of Development:

Readings:

Sen, Introduction and Ch. 1-2

WEEKS 2-3

Jun. 23-Jul. 4 **Theories of Development and Underdevelopment:**

Readings:

So, Ch. 3-7

Yergin and Stanislaw, Ch. 1-5

Harison, *Who Prospers*, Introduction, Ch. 1, 3, and 4

O'Hearn, "The Irish

Thurow, Ch. 1-2

FILMs: "Commanding Heights"
"Life and Debt"

WEEKS 4-6

Jul. 7-25

The Rise of Capitalism and Economic Development:

Readings:

Karl Marx and capitalist development, Lecture

M. Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*

Smith, in Research in Law and Sociology

Thurow, Ch. 4, 6, 14

Wolf, Ch. 4 and 5

FILM: "Taken for a Ride"

.... First Assignment - Date to be announced

WEEK 7-8

Jul 28-Aug 8

State and Economic Development in East Asia

Readings

Woo-Cumings, Ch. 1

Wade, Ch. 1-2, and 4-6

Barrett and Chin (Ch. 1 in Deyo)

Koo (Ch. 5 in Deyo)

Amsden, in Evans

Lim, in Asian Survey

FILM: “Mini Dragons,” South Korea (#2578)

WEEK 8

Aug. 11-15

Globalization and Economic Development

Readings:

Stiglitz, Ch. 1-3, 9

Wolf, Ch. 2 and 7

Yergin and Stanislaw, Ch. 13

FILM: “The Coat of Many Countries?”

WEEK 9

Aug. 18-20

Globalization and Inequality

Readings:

Thurow, Ch. 8

Easterly, Ch. 13

Sen, Ch. 4

Wolf, Ch. 9

Singer, Ch. 1, 3, and 6

FILM: “Who Is Getting Rich and Why Aren’t You?”

.... Final Assignment - Date to be announced