

THE ROLE OF THE STATE IN POST-WWII DEVELOPMENT (GPOL 6009)

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Introduction

This course examines the role of the state – its primacy, necessity and inadequacy – in the project of development since 1945. Topics include conceptions of development; the foundations of the post-WWII international economic order; planning and the exigencies of late-late industrialization; dependency in the world economy; neoclassical critiques of rent-seeking societies; the impact of high modernist ideology; poststructuralist accounts of depoliticization and governmentality; state failure; developmental states; the ‘good governance’ agenda; decentralization, participation and globalization. While the focus of the course is primarily analytical, it seeks to assess contending theoretical frameworks vis-à-vis specific cases in Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia.

Requirements & Assessment

You must read all the set material for each section prior to each class. I will provide an addendum of recommendations for those interested in pursuing certain topics further in each section.

The success of the class depends on your active and informed participation. Being active means contributing your insights to, and asking questions in, class; being informed entails careful reading of the set material. Class participation is worth 25% of your final grade.

In addition, you will be required to provide five response papers (6 pages of double-spaced text), which each comprise 15% of your final grade. Further instructions to be handed out in class.

Course Material

There are several texts for the course. It should be possible to find second-hand copies of several of them. However, they will also be available at Barnes & Noble, 105 Fifth Avenue (at 18th Street). I have marked those texts which we will be reading (nearly) in full with an *.

*Vivek Chibber, *Locked in Place: state-building and late industrialization in India* (Princeton 2003)

*Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation: the political and economic origins of our time* (Beacon Press: March, 2001)

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

James C. Scott, *Seeing like a State: how certain schemes to improve the human condition have failed* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1999)

*Atul Kohli, *State-Directed Development: political power and industrialization in the global periphery* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004)

*Judith Tendler, *Good Government in the Tropics* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997)

Peter P. Houtzager and Mick Moore, *Changing Paths: international development and the new politics of inclusion* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2003)

The other assigned readings will be available on reserve in the Fogleman Library. I will also enquire into the possibility of making some of the readings available in electronic form if there is sufficient interest from the class.

Schedule & Readings

Week 1 (January 26): Introduction

The Intellectual Context

Week 2 (February 2): Conceptions of 'Development' (T1)

- H. Arndt, "Economic development: a semantic history," in *Economic Development and Cultural Change* (Vol. 29, 1981): 457-66; also in Stuart Corbridge (ed.), *Development: critical concepts in the social sciences – Volume I: Doctrines of Development* (London and New York: Routledge, 2000), pp. 46-56.
- Amartya Sen, "Poverty as capability deprivation," in his *Development as Freedom* (New York: Knopf, 1999), pp. 87-111.
- Estava Gustavo, "Development," in Wolfgang Sachs (ed.), *The Development Dictionary: a guide to knowledge as power* (London: Zed Books, 1992), pp. 6-26.
- Irma Adelman, "Fallacies in development theory and their implications for policy," in Gerald M. Meier and Joseph E. Stiglitz (eds.), *Frontiers of Development Economics: the future in perspective* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), pp. 103-135.
- Albert O. Hirschman, "The search for paradigms as a hindrance to understanding," *World Politics* 22 (3) April 1970: 329-43; (available online).

Week 3 (February 9): The Origins of the Post-WWII International Economic Order (T2)

- Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation: the political and economic origins of our time* (Beacon Press: March, 2001).

Week 4 (February 16): NO CLASS – READ AHEAD

Week 5 (February 23): The Exigencies of ‘Late-Late’ Industrialization (T3)

- Alexander Gerschenkron, “Economic backwardness in historical perspective,” in his *Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective: a book of essays* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1962), pp. 5-31; also in Corbridge, *Development – Volume I* (op.cit.), pp. 85-105.
- Vivek Chibber, *Locked in Place: state-building and late industrialization in India* (Princeton 2003).
- Atul Kohli, *State-Directed Development: political power and industrialization in the global periphery* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004), pp. 221-291.

Week 6 (Mar 2): Dependency (T4)

- Andre Gunder Frank, “The development of underdevelopment,” in Corbridge, *Development – Volume I* (op.cit.), pp. 225-236; originally in *Monthly Review* 18 (September) 1966.
- Fernando Henrique Cardoso and Enzo Faletto, *Dependency and Development in Latin America* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1979), pp. vii-xxv, 1-28 and 149-216.
- Albert O. Hirschman, “The Rise and Decline of Development Economics,” in his *Essays in Trespassing: economics to politics and beyond* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1981), pp. 1-24.
- Tony Smith, “The underdevelopment of development literature: the case of dependency theory,” *World Politics* 31 (2) January 1979: 247-288; (available online).
- Martin Carnoy, “The dependent state,” in his *The State and Political Theory* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1984), pp. 172-208.

Week 7 (March 9): The Neoclassical Counter-Revolution (T5)

- Peter Bauer, “Development economics: a retrospective view,” in Corbridge, *Development – Volume I* (op.cit.), pp. 353-368.
- Robert H. Bates, “Governments and agricultural markets in Africa,” in his *Toward a Political Economy of Development: a rational choice perspective* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1988), pp. 331-359.

- John Toye, “Is the Third World still there?” in his *Dilemmas of Development: the counter-revolution in development theory and policy*, 2nd edition (Oxford: Blackwell, 1993), pp. 1-22.
- John Williamson, “Democracy and the Washington consensus,” *World Development* 21 (8) August 1993: 1329-1336; (available online).
- Joseph Stiglitz, “More instruments and broader goals: moving towards the post-Washington consensus,” *The 1998 Wider Lecture*, Helsinki, Finland, available at: http://www2.gsb.columbia.edu/faculty/jstiglitz/download/1998_1_More_Instruments_and%20Broader_Goals.pdf

Week 8 (March 16): The Dangers of High Modernism (T6)

- James C. Scott, *Seeing like a State* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1998), pp. TBD.

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Week 9 (March 30): The ‘Anti-Politics Machine’ (T7)

- Arturo Escobar, “The problematization of poverty: the tale of three worlds and development,” in his *Encountering Development: the making and unmaking of the third world* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995), pp. 21-55.
- James Ferguson, *The Anti-Politics Machine: ‘development’, depoliticisation and bureaucratic power in Lesotho* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1994), pp. TBD.
- Stuart Corbridge et al, “The everyday state and political society in eastern India: structuring access to the employment assurance scheme,” *Journal of Development Studies* 39 (5) 2003: 1-28; (available online).

Week 10 (April 6): State Failure (T8)

- Robert H. Jackson and Carl G. Roseberg. “Why Africa’s Weak States Persist: the empirical and juridical in statehood,” *World Politics* 35 (1) October 1982: 1-24.
- Jeffrey Herbst, *States and Power in Africa: comparative lessons in authority and control* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000), pp. TBD.

- Mick Moore, “Political Underdevelopment,” mimeo; available at [http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/govern/pdfs/PolUnderdevel\(refs\).pdf](http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/govern/pdfs/PolUnderdevel(refs).pdf)
- John Lonsdale, “Political accountability in African history,” in Patrick Chabal (ed.), *Political Domination in Africa: reflections on the limits of power* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986), pp. 126-158.
- Kohli, *State-Directed Development*, pp. 291-367.

Contemporary Debates

Week 11 (April 13): The Developmental State (T9)

- Charles Gore, “The rise and fall of the Washington consensus as a paradigm for developing countries,” *World Development* 28 (5) 2000: 789-804.
- Alice H. Amsden, “Industrializing through learning,” and “Getting relative prices ‘wrong,’” in her *Asia’s Next Giant: South Korea and late industrialization* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1989), pp. 3-24 and 139-156.
- Y. Akyuz, H-J Chang and R. Kozul-Wright, “New perspectives on East Asian development,” *Journal of Development Studies* 34 (6) 1998: 4-36; (available online).
- Paul Krugman, “The myth of Asia’s miracle,” *Foreign Affairs* 73 (6) November/December 1994; available at <http://web.mit.edu/krugman/www/myth.html>
- Kohli, *State-Directed Development*, pp. 27-127.

Week 12 (April 20): Democracy, ‘Good Governance’ and Development (T10)

- Adam Przeworski et al., *Democracy and Development: political institutions and well-being in the world, 1950-1900* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000), pp. TBD.
- Mick Moore (with Jennifer Leavy and Howard White), “Polity qualities: how governance affects poverty,” in Houtzager and Moore, *Changing Paths*, pp. 167-204.
- Adrian Leftwich, “Governance, the state and the politics of development,” *Development and Change* 25 (1) January 1994: 363-386.
- Martin Doornbos, “‘Good governance’: the rise and decline of a policy metaphor?” *Journal of Development Studies* 37 (6) August 2001.

- John Harriss, “Do political regimes matter? Poverty reduction and regime differences across India” in Houtzager and Moore, *Changing Paths*, pp. 204-233.

Week 13 (April 27): Decentralization (T11)

- Pranab Bardhan and Dilip Mookherjee, “Decentralization, corruption and government accountability: an overview,” mimeo available at <http://people.bu.edu/dilipm/wkpap/decorr.pdf>
- Richard C. Crook and Alan S. Sverrisson, “Does decentralization contribute to poverty reduction? surveying the evidence,” in Houtzager and Moore, *Changing Paths*, pp. 233-260.
- Patrick Heller, “Moving the state: the politics of democratic decentralization in Kerala, South Africa and Porto Alegre,” *Politics & Society* 29 (1) March 2001: 131-163.

Week 14 (May 4): Participation (T12)

- Judith Tendler, *Good Government in the Tropics* (Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, 1997).

Week 15 (May 11): Conclusion – Globalization (T13)

- Susan Strange, *The Retreat of the State: the diffusion of power in the world economy* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996), pp. 3-91.
- Peter Evans, “The eclipse of the state? reflections on stateness in an era of globalization,” *World Politics* 50 (1) 1997: 62-87; (available online).
- Robert Wade, “The Asian debt-and-development crisis of 1997-?: causes and consequences,” *World Development* 26 (8) August 1998: 1535-1553.