**SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course introduces students to problems of inequality in wealth and welfare from a global, comparative, and historical perspective. The causes and consequences of inequalities among countries will be examined. The first half of the course will introduce major perspectives to and issues in development. The second half will be devoted to some specific issues centered on the themes of violence, conflict and reconstruction.

**Readings**: Some course readings are accessible through the web and will be available on Moodle. Others will be handed out during classes and will be available with the photocopier.

**Grade breakup:**

Class participation and attendance 10%

Quizzes 20%

Mid-term exam 30%

Final Exam 40%

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

**WEEK 1: Why do we talk about development? Inequality and Poverty**

UC Atlas of Global Inequalities

<http://ucatlas.ucsc.edu/income.php>

[*World Development Report* 2001/2](http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTPOVERTY/Resources/WDR/overview.pdf), pp. 1-5

Millennium Development Goals: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>

**WEEK 2: Colonization and the Colonial Division of Labor**

Philip McMichael*, Development and Social Change,* 2nd Edition, 2000, pp. 3-13

Stuart Hall, “The West and the Rest: Discourse and Power,” in *Modernity. An Introduction to Modern Societies*, 1996, pp. 184-227.

**WEEK 3: Decolonization and the Rise of Development**

McMichael, *Development and Social Change*, pp. 14-76 (skim through the case studies)

Arturo Escobar, “The Problematization of Poverty: The Tale of Three Worlds and Development” (pp. 21-54), [*Encountering Development*](http://libunix.ku.edu.tr/search/aescobar/aescobar/1,7,8,B/frameset&FF=aescobar+arturo+1952&2,,2), 1995 (e-book- SKL).

**WEEK 4: Theoretical Perspectives on Development**

W.W. Rostow, “The Stages of Economic Growth: A Non-Communist Manifesto,” in *From Modernization to Globalization*, 2000, pp. 100-109.

Samuel Huntington, “The Change to Change: Modernization, Development and Politics,”[*Comparative Politics*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/huntington-changetochange.pdf), vol.3, no.3, 1971, pp. 283-298.

Immanuel Wallerstein, “Development: Lodestar or Illusion,” in *Unthinking Social Science*, pp. 104-124.

Amartya Sen, “Poverty as Capability Deprivation,” in [*Development as Freedom*](http://libunix.ku.edu.tr/search/asen,+amartya/asen+amartya/1,1,26,B/frameset&FF=asen+amartya+kumar&5,,26/indexsort=-), 1999, pp. 87-110.

**WEEK 5: The Unraveling of Developmentalism**

McMichael*, Development and Social Change*, pp. 79-145 (skim through the “case studies”).

**WEEK 6: A Critical Look at the Washington Consensus**

Charles Gore, “The Rise and Fall of the Washington Consensus as a Paradigm for Developing Countries,”[*World Development*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/gore-washingtonconsensus.pdf), vol.28, no.5, 2000, pp.789-804.

Robert Wade, “Making the World Development Report 2000: Attacking Poverty,” [*World Development*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/making.WDReport.pdf), vol. 29, no. 8, 2001, pp. 1435-1441.

Paul Cammack, “Attacking the Poor,” *New Left Review*, no. 13, 2002, pp. 125-134.

**WEEK 7: Development in the Neoliberal Age: Social Capital and Civil Society**

Francis Fukuyama: “Social Capital, Civil Society and Development,” [*Third World Quarterly*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/fukuyama-socialcapital.pdf), vol.22, no.1, 2001, pp. 7-20.

Ben Fine, “The Developmental State is Dead – Long Live Social Capital?” [*Development and Change*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/fine-social-capital.pdf), vol. 30, no.1, 1999, pp. 1-19.

**WEEK 8:**

PROGRESS REVIEW AND MIDTERM

**WEEK 9: Development in the Neoliberal Age: Microfinance**

Muhammed Yunus: “Poverty Alleviation: Is Economics Any Help? Lessons from the Grameen Bank Experience,” *Journal of International Affairs*, vol.52, no.1, 1998, pp. 47-65.

Simeen Mahmud, “Actually How Empowering is Microcredit?”[*Development and Change*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/mahmud-microcredit.pdf), vol. 34, no.4, 2003, pp. 577-605.

Julia Elyachar, “Empowerment Money: The World Bank, Non-Governmental Organizations, and the Value of Culture in Egypt,”[*Public Culture*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/elyachar.pdf), vol. 14, no.3, pp. 493-513.

*Food for Thought:*

Alexander Cockburn: “The Myth of Microloans,” [*The Nation*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/The%20Myth%20of%20Microloans-cockburn.doc), 6 November 2006.

Ayşe Buğra: “Yoksullukla Mücadele Yöntemi Olarak Mikrokredi: Acıklı Bir Hikaye,” [*Sosyal Politika Forumu Bülteni*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/SPF-Bulten-Sayı%202-2007.pdf), sayı 2, Ocak 2007.

Muhammad Yunus, [Nobel Lecture](http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/2006/yunus-lecture-en.html), 10 December, Oslo.

**WEEK 10: Gender and Development**

<http://ucatlas.ucsc.edu/gender/gender_mortality.php>

Naila Kabeer, *Reversed Realities: Gender Hierarchies in Development Thought*, Verso, 1994, chapters 1 and 4.

*Food for Thought*: [*The Millennium Development Goals Report*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/milleniumdevelopmentgoalsreport.pdf)*,* 2006, Goal 3

**WEEK 11: The Environment, “Natural” Disasters and Development**

Mike Davis, “The Secret History of the Nineteenth Century,” “A Note on Definitions” in *Late Victorian Holocausts. El Nino Famines and the Making of the Third World*, 2001, pp. 6-22.

Alex de Waal, “Retreat from Accountability: Neoliberalism and Adjustment,” in *Famine Crimes*, pp. 49-64.

Naomi Klein, “The Rise of Disaster Capitalism,” [*The Nation*](http://www.thenation.com/doc/20050502/klein), May 2, 2005.

[*The Millennium Development Goals Report*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/milleniumdevelopmentgoalsreport.pdf)*,* 2006, Goal 7

**WEEK 12: Wars and Development**

Carolyn Nordstrom, “A First Exploratory Definition of the Shadows,” “The Culture of the Shadows: The Meat, Potatoes, Diamonds, and Guns of Daily Life,” “The Institutionalization of the Shadows” and “Ironies in the Shadows: (Literally) Untold Profits and a Key Source of Development,” in *Shadows of War: Violence, Power, and International Profiteering in the Twenty-First Century*, 2004, pp. 105-137, 143-155 and 209-223.

*Food for Thought:*

“For Wolfowitz, Poverty Is the Newest War to Fight,” [*New York Times*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/wolfowitz-war-poverty.htm), September 24, 2005.

**WEEK 13: Themes in Post-Conflict Reconstruction: Humanitarianism, Reconciliation**

Barbara Harrell-Bond, “Can Humanitarian Work with Refugees be Humane?” *Human Rights Quarterly*, vol. 24, 2002, pp. 51-85.

Nancy Scheper-Hughes, “Undoing: Social Suffering and the Politics of Remorse in the New South Africa,” in *Violence in War and Peace. An Anthology*, pp. 459-467.

Zerrin Özlem Biner, “From Terrorist to Repentant: Who is the Victim?” [*History and Anthropology*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/ozlem-biner-pismanlik.pdf), vol. 17, no.4, December 2006, pp. 339-353.

**WEEK 14: Poverty and Disease as War**

<http://ucatlas.ucsc.edu/health/aids/aids.php>

Paul Farmer, “On Suffering and Structural Violence” in *Violence in War and Peace*, 2005.

Nana Poku and Alan Whiteside, “Global Health and the Politics of Governance: An Introduction,” [*Third World Quarterly*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/globalhealth-politics%20of%20governance.pdf), vol. 23, no2, 2002, pp. 191-195.

Caroline Thomas, “Trade Policy and the Politics of Access to Drugs,”[*Third World Quarterly*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/thomas-aids.pdf), vol. 23, no. 2, 2002, pp. 251-264.

[*The Millennium Development Goals Report*](../../My%20Documents/My%20Webs/html%20files/milleniumdevelopmentgoalsreport.pdf), 2006, Goal 6