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COSM34 Development Theories and Issues in Asia

Autumn Semester 2021

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Period: 1 November – 30 November 2021

Office hours: By appointment

Teaching

9 Lectures
2 Seminars

Readings

Students are required to complete all the required readings prior to class. Students, in groups, are also required to independently find an article or chapter related to the theme of each lecture for discussion in class.

Assessment and Examination

- There will be one seminar presentation with a paper and one seminar without a paper. Participation in the seminars is mandatory.
- Questions for the written examination will be handed out on 24 November.
- The examination will consist of a paper of no more than 2,500 words (excluding references).
- The finished paper should be submitted through Canvas before 17:00 on 1 December.
- Grades, feedback, and course evaluations will be handed out on 22 December.

Lecture 1: Introduction to Asian Development (Nicholas Loubere)

2 Nov, 10:15-12:00, Zoom

- Structure, content and literature
- Discussion of seminar presentation and examination
- Group discussion: What is development? How do we research it?
- Overview of development concepts

Required:

Desai, Vandana, and Rob Potter, eds. 2013. *The Companion to Development Studies*. London and New York: Routledge. (Part 1)

Nederveen Pieterse, Jan. 2010. *Development Theory: Deconstructions/Reconstructions*. London and Thousand Oaks: SAGE. (Chapter 1)

Lecture 2: Finding Development Literature (Mia Nilsson)

3 Nov, 10:15-12:00, Zoom

- How to search for books, chapters, and articles in the field of development studies
- How to determine if literature is of high quality
- How to identify debates in the development studies literature

Required:

No required reading, but bring computers to class.

Lecture 3: Colonialism and Development (Nicholas Loubere)

4 Nov, 13:15-15:00, Asia Library

- Colonial histories and legacies
- Colonial conceptions of development
- Contemporary depictions of colonialism and developmental outcomes

Required:

Desai, Vandana, and Rob Potter, eds. 2013. *The Companion to Development Studies*. London and New York: Routledge. (Chapter 2.11)

Gilley, Bruce. 2017. "The Case for Colonialism." *Third World Quarterly*, 1–17. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2017.1369037>.

Hickel, Jason. 2018. "The Case for Reparations." *Resilience* (blog). October 24, 2018. <https://www.resilience.org/stories/2018-10-24/the-case-for-reparations/>.

Robinson, Nathan J. 2017. "A Quick Reminder of Why Colonialism Was Bad." *Current Affairs*, September 14, 2017. <https://www.currentaffairs.org/2017/09/a-quick-reminder-of-why-colonialism-was-bad>.

Seminar 1

9 Nov, 13:15-15:00, Asia Library

- Student-led discussions

Office Hours

10 Nov, 10:15-11:00, Zoom

- Student-led discussions

Lecture 4: Modernisation (Nicholas Loubere)

11 Nov, 13:15-15:00, Asia Library

- Western developmentalism
- Development as economic growth
- Modernisation and stage theories

Required:

Desai, Vandana, and Rob Potter, eds. 2013. *The Companion to Development Studies*. London and New York: Routledge. (2.1, 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4)

Nederveen Pieterse, Jan. 2010. *Development Theory: Deconstructions/Reconstructions*. London and Thousand Oaks: SAGE. (Chapter 2 and 3)

Lecture 5: Neoliberal Development (Nicholas Loubere)

12 Nov, 13:15-15:00, Asia Library

- The neoliberal paradigm
- Scientism and technocratic managerial development
- Impact assessments
- Inclusion, freedom and entrepreneurialism

Required:

Aschoff, Nicole. 2015. *The New Prophets of Capital*. London and New York: Verso.

Bockman, Johanna. 2013. "Neoliberalism." *Contexts* 12 (3): 14–15.

Desai, Vandana, and Rob Potter, eds. 2013. *The Companion to Development Studies*. London and New York: Routledge. (Chapter 2.5)

Dollar, David, and Aart Kraay. 2002. "Growth Is Good for the Poor." *Journal of Economic Growth* 7 (3): 195–225.

Harvey, David. 2007. *A Brief History of Neoliberalism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (Introduction and Chapter 1)

Lecture 6: Participatory Development (Nicholas Loubere)

16 Nov, 13:15-15:00, Asia Library

- Actor-centered and livelihood approaches
- Local knowledge
- The participatory turn
- Critiques of participation

Required:

Colak, Alexandra Abello, and Jenny Pearce. 2015. "Securing the Global City?: An Analysis of the 'Medellín Model' Through Participatory Research." *Conflict, Security & Development* 15 (3): 197–228.

Cooke, Bill, and Uma Kothari. 2001. "The Case for Participation as Tyranny." In *Participation: The New Tyranny?*, edited by Bill Cooke and Uma Kothari, 1–15. London: Zed Books.

Crawford, Gordon, Lena J. Kruckenberg, Nicholas Loubere, and Rosemary Morgan (eds.). 2017. *Understanding Global Development Research: Fieldwork Issues, Experiences and Reflections*, London and Thousand Oaks: SAGE. (Section 1)

Desai, Vandana, and Rob Potter, eds. 2013. *The Companion to Development Studies*. London and New York: Routledge. (Chapter 2.9 and 2.10)

Lecture 7: Gender and Development (Nicholas Loubere)

17 Nov, 10:15-12:00, Zoom

- Critical feminist perspectives
- Inclusive development
- Equitable development

Required:

Desai, Vandana, and Rob Potter, eds. 2013. *The Companion to Development Studies*. London and New York: Routledge. (Part 7)

Jackson, Cecile, and Ruth Pearson. 1998. *Feminist Visions of Development: Gender Analysis and Policy*. London and New York: Routledge. (Introduction)

Lecture 8: Dependency and World Systems Theory (Nicholas Loubere)

18 Nov, 13:15-15:00, Asia Library

- Marxist and Neo-Marxist theories of development
- Dependency Theory
- World-Systems Theory

Required:

Desai, Vandana, and Rob Potter, eds. 2013. *The Companion to Development Studies*. London and New York: Routledge. (Chapters 2.6, 2.7, and 2.8)

Frank, Andre Gunder. 1966. "The Development of Underdevelopment." *Monthly Review*, 4–17.

Wallerstein, Immanuel Maurice. 2004. *World-Systems Analysis: An Introduction*. Durham: Duke University Press.

19 November: Deadline Seminar Paper

Lecture 9: Toward Sustainable Development (Gina Song Lopez)

22 Nov, 10:15-12:00, Zoom

- Development issues and climate change
- Environmental social movements – streams of environmentalism
- Policy: light or deep green ecology
- De-growth vs sustainable development
- The role of technology (materiality)

Required:

Desai, Vandana, and Rob Potter, eds. 2013. *The Companion to Development Studies*. London and New York: Routledge. (Chapters 2.12 and 2.13)

Esarey, Ashley, et al. 2020. *Greening East Asia: The Rise of the Eco-developmental State*. Seattle: University of Washington Press. (Introduction and Conclusion)

Nederveen Pieterse, Jan. 2010. *Development Theory: Deconstructions/Reconstructions*. London and Thousand Oaks: SAGE. (Chapters 6 and 7)

Santos, Gonçalo. 2011. "Rethinking the Green Revolution in South China: Technological Materialities and Human-Environment Relations." *East Asian Science, Tehnology and Socieity: An International Journal*. 5 (4): 479–504.

Seminar 2

23 Nov, 13:15-16:00, Asia Library

- Student-led discussions

Office Hours

25 Nov, 13:15-14:00, Zoom

- Student-led discussions

30 November: Deadline Final Exam**Grades, Feedback, and Course Evaluation**

21 Dec, Online

- Handout of grades, feedback, and course evaluations