1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The second semester of theories of international relations focuses on an important area of this field: theories of international development. The class will address the empirical facts regarding the global distribution of income, theories that have been proposed to account for these facts, and some historical and comparative evidence regarding these theories. We will also discuss the competing perspectives on global trade and production, an important component of international development.


2. EVALUATION

Evaluation will be based on the final exam and four required written assignments: three short (3-4 page) reading responses and one extended essay (5-7 pages). In the reading response assignments, students will present their evaluation of the three required books.

For the extended essay, students will have the following two options:
- Taking into account the required course readings and additional recommended readings, discuss which theory or theories of international development is/are best supported by the "East Asian miracle."
- Taking into account the required course readings and additional recommended readings, in what ways does the globalization of trade and production foster economic development, and in what ways does it complicate or slow development?

2.1. GRADE COMPOSITION

Final exam: 30%
Reading responses: 30%
Essay: 30%
Participation: 10%
3. SCHEDULE

PART I: THE GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME

INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE; NATIONAL INCOME DISTRIBUTION

GLOBAL INCOME DISTRIBUTION

GLOBAL INEQUALITY AND DEVELOPMENT

PART II: THEORIES OF DEVELOPMENT

MODERNIZATION, LIBERALIZATION AND DEPENDENCY

INSTITUTIONALISM I

INSTITUTIONALISM II

PART III: INSTITUTIONS IN PERSPECTIVE

INSTITUTIONALISM: HISTORICAL EXPERIENCES

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THE EAST ASIAN “MIRACLE”

COLONIAL LEGACIES IN THE LONG RUN:

PART IV: GLOBAL TRADE

WHERE STUFF COMES FROM I

WHERE STUFF COMES FROM II

LABOR RELATIONS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

GLOBAL CAMPAIGNS

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND CONCLUSION