

**Humboldt Universität zu Berlin - Institut für Sozialwissenschaften
Sommersemester 2008**

**Political Economy of Development in Latin American, a Critical Account
(# 53045)**

Monday 14:00 to 16:00 - Room 001, Universitätsstraße 3b (UNI 3)

Instructor: Inés Valdez (inesv@unc.edu)

Focus of the Course: This course will cover three inter-related thematic areas: (A) Colonialism and post-colonial issues such as immigration; (B) Critical study of development; and (C) Selected topics on the political and economic development of Latin America since the 1970s.

The reading material will consist of journal articles or book chapters written in English and students will be expected to participate actively and knowledgeably in the weekly discussions. More information about the course detailed below.

Studiengang:

- . BA - Sozialwissenschaften Beifach (POVersion: 2006)
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- . BA - Sozialwissenschaften Monobachelor (POVersion: 2006)
- . BA - Sozialwissenschaften Monobachelor (POVersion: 2002)

Goals of the Course: By the end of the course students should be able to have an overall understanding of basic concepts of development and the recent Latin-American trends in economic and political development. A goal of the course is for students to be able to critically appraise development discourses and to engage colonialism and postcolonial perspectives in their evaluation of the development debate.

Requirements (5 SP):

- . Regular class attendance,
- . Regular readings (very important!!!),
- . Formulation of questions on two of the assigned readings each week (to be sent by email to me on Sundays at 20h),
- . Various short presentations (depending on number of participants),
- . Responses to short presentations (depending on number of participants),
- . **Essay:** critical literature review on one of the four thematic blocks of the course. This essay should be based on both assigned and additional (“suggested”) reading material.

The paper shall consist on the brief summary of the suggested article in the context of the literature. After covering their main arguments, the paper should do a critical assessment informed by the topics and literature of the course.

Feel free to suggest to me an article or book (in English) that you would like to bring to bear to one of the themes. You can either choose an article about Latin America that is relevant to one of the themes or a text applied to different regions (such as immigration in Europe, for instance, or contemporary issues of development in Asia or Africa).

The length of the paper is from 1500 to 2000 words (or approximately 6-8 pages double-spaced) due on July 28th at 18h.

Participation: The requirements are concentrated on the work we do as a group in the class, and I expect all of us to have read and thought about the readings and its significance for the topics of the course and our lives and politics. Moreover, all participants are expected to read with a critical eye and be ready to share the critical perspectives with the rest of us, as well as listen respectfully to what the rest of us have to say.

Class **work** involves the **responsibility** of **sharing** with all of us:

- Your questions and doubts about the readings,
- Your reactions to the readings: did you like them? Did you find new ideas in them? Were you surprised by some of their claims?
- Your criticisms of the readings,
- Connected topics that the readings brought to your mind.

Course Material: Readings are available at <http://lms.hu-berlin.de/moodle/>
(Enrollment key: polecon)

Schedule of Topics and readings:

THEME#1: The Past in the Present, the History of Colonialism and Development

Monday, April 28 – Welcome, introduction of class participants, and syllabus presentation:

- Who we are, where do we come from, why do we come to this class?
- Goals of the Course, requirements, and expectations,
- Critical thinking and learning as an act of freedom,
- Studying Developing Countries in/from the Developed World.

Monday, May 5 – Colonial and postcolonial perspectives on contemporary societies.

Readings:

- . Bagchi, Amiya. 1982. The Political Economy of Underdevelopment. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 3.

- . Lugones, María. 2007. "Heterosexualism and the Colonial / Modern Gender System." In Hypatia, 22(1): 186-209.

Suggested:

- . Mamdani, Mahmood. 1996. Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Late Colonialism. New Jersey: Princeton University Press.
- Said, Edward W. 1989. "Representing the Colonized: Anthropology's Interlocutors." In Critical Inquiry (15) 2: 205-225

Monday, May 12 → Holiday!

Monday, May 19 – Divergent perspectives on development.

- de Capitani, Alberto, and Douglass C. North. 1994. "Institutional Development in Third World Countries: The Role of the World Bank." In Human Resources Development and Operation Policies Working Papers: #42.
- Cardoso, Fernando Henrique and Enzo Faletto. 1979. Dependency and Development in Latin America. Berkeley: California University Press, Chapter 2

Suggested:

- . Kurtz, Marcus J. and Andrew Schrank. 2007. "Growth and Governance: Models, Measures, and Mechanisms." In Journal of Politics 69(2): 538–554.
- . Jones, Peris S. 2004. "When 'Development' Devastates: Donor Discourses, Access to HIV/AIDS Treatment in Africa and Rethinking the Landscape of Development." In Third World Quarterly 25(2): 385-404

THEME#2: Critical Perspectives on Development

Monday, May 26 – Critical perspectives on development.

- Acosta-Belen, Edna, and Christine E. Bose. 1990. "From Structural Subordination to Empowerment: Women and Development in Third World Contexts." In Gender and Society, 4(3): 299-320.
- Escobar, Arturo. 1994. Encountering Development: the Making and Unmaking of the Third World. New Jersey: Princeton University Press. Chapter 1.

Suggested:

- . Kapoor, Ilan. 2002. "Capitalism, Culture, Agency: Dependency versus Postcolonial Theory." In Third World Quarterly 23(4): 647-664.
- . Kapoor, Ilan. 2004. "Hyper-Self-Reflexive Development? Spivak on Representing the Third World 'Other'" In Third World Quarterly 25(4): 627-647.

Monday, June 2 – Gendered perspectives on development.

- Nussbaum, Martha C. 2003. "Capabilities as Fundamental Entitlements: Sen and Social Justice." In Feminist Economics 9(2-3): 33-59.

- Barker, Drucilla K. “Dualisms, Discourse, and Development.” In Hypathia 13(3): 83-94.

Suggested:

- . Whitehead, Ann and Mathew Lockwood. 1999. “Gender in the World Bank’s Poverty Assessments: Six Case Studies from Sub-Saharan Africa.” In UNRISD Discussion Papers, #99.
- . Narayan, Uma. 1998. “Essence of Culture and a Sense of History: A Feminist Critique of Cultural Essentialism.” In Hypatia 13(2): 86-106.

THEME#3: Development and Political System, the 70s and Beyond

Monday, June 9 – Back to history: Latin America in the global economy.

- Frieden, Jeffrey A. 1994. Global Capitalism: Its Fall and Rise in the Twentieth Century. New York: W.W. Norton. Chapter 13.
- Schaeffer, Robert K. 2003. Understanding Globalization. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield. Chapter 5.

Suggested:

- . Jaggar, Alison M. 2002. “A Feminist Critique of the Alleged Southern Debt.” In Hypathia 17(4): 119-142.
- . Sassen, Saskia. 2008. “Two Stops in Today’s New Global Geography.” In American Behavioral Scientist. (forthcoming) Only pp. 1-2 and 35-53!!

Monday, June 16 – Political Trends in Latin America.

- Collier, David. 1979. “Overview of the Bureaucratic-Authoritarian Model,” in David Collier (ed.) The New Authoritarianism in Latin America. New Jersey: Princeton University Press.
- Huber, Evelyne, Rueschemeyer, Dietrich, and Stephens, John D. 1997. “The Paradoxes of Contemporary Democracy: Formal, Participatory, and Social Democracy.” Comparative Politics, 29 (3), 323-342.

Suggested:

- . Garay, Candelaria. 2007. “Social Policy and Collective Action: Unemployed Workers, Community Associations, and Protest in Argentina.” In Politics & Society 35(2): 301-328
- . Huber, Evelyne and John D. Stephens. 2000. “The Political Economy of Pension Reform: Latin America in Comparative Perspective.” In UNRISD Occasional Papers #7

Monday, June 23 – Getting specific: economic models and development.

- Schrank, Andrew and Marcus J. Kurtz. 2005. Credit Where Credit Is Due: Open Economy Industrial Policy and Export Diversification in Latin America and the Caribbean.” In Politics & Society 33(4): 671-702

- Chang, Ha-Joon. 2002. “Kicking Away the Ladder: An Unofficial History of Capitalism, Specially in Britain and the United States.” In Challenge 45(5).
- Valdez, Inés. 2004. “Structural Adjustment.” and “Financial crises and the IMF.” Handouts.

Suggested:

- . Grabel, Ilene. “The Political Economy of ‘policy-credibility’: the new-classical macroeconomics and the remaking of emerging economies.” In Cambridge Journal of Economics 24(1): 1-20.
- . Schamis, Hector E. 1999. “Distributional Coalitions and the Politics of Economic Reform in Latin America.” In World Politics 51(2): 236-268.

Monday, June 30

- Audley John J., Demetrios G. Papademetriou, Sandra Polaski, and Scott Vaughan. 2004. NAFTA’s Promise and Reality: Lessons from Mexico for the Hemisphere. A Report by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.
- Korten, David C. 2001. When Corporations Rule the World. San Francisco: Berrett-Koheler Publishers. Chapter 3.

Suggested:

- . Weissman, Deborah M. 2005. “The Political Economy of Violence: Toward an Understanding of the Gender-Based Murders of Ciudad Juarez.” In North Carolina Journal of International Law & Commercial Regulation Summer. (note: don’t be discouraged by length of the document!!! the text is only about 20, it’s due to weird format of footnotes)
- . Pogge, Thomas. 2008. “Growth and Inequality: Understanding Recent Trends and Political Choices.” In Dissent Winter.

THEME#4: Colonialism, Development, and Immigration, Flows of People between Worlds

Monday, July 7 – Race, Nativism and Latin-American Immigration to the United States.

- Jonas, Susanne. 2006. “Reflections on the Great Immigration Battle of 2006 and the Future of the Americas.” In Social Justice 33(1): 6-20.
- Huntington, Samuel. 2004. “Mexican Immigration and Hispanization.” In Who we are?, New York: Simon & Schuster.

Suggested:

- . Sheridan, Clare. 2002. “Contested Citizenship: National Identity and the Mexican Immigration Debates of the 1920s.” In Journal of American and Ethnic History 21(3): 3-35.
- . Krause, Monika. 2008. “Undocumented Migrants: An Arendtian Perspective.” European Journal of Political Theory 7(3):331–348.

Monday, July 14

- Behdad, Ali. 2005. *A Forgetful Nation: On Immigration and Cultural Identity in the United States*. Durham: Duke University Press. Chapter 5.
- Hondagneu-Sotelo, Pierrette. 2007. “Doméstica: Immigrant Workers Cleaning and Caring in the Shadows of Affluence.” Berkeley: University of California Press. Preface and Chapter 1.

Suggested:

- . Smith-Nonini, Sandy. 2008. “H2A Guestworkers & the State in North Carolina: From Transnational Production to Trans-national Organizing.” In Jon Shefner and Fran Ansley (eds.) Global Connections and Local Receptions: New Latino Immigration to the Southeastern US. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press. (forthcoming)
- . Milkman, Ruth. 2007. “Critical Mass: Latino Labor and Politics in California.” In NACLA Report of the Americas. May/June 2007.