

# POLS 280: Politics of Development and Foreign Aid

Class 25:  
Review

# PSA

- Office hours schedule this week:
  - Tuesday: 11 am-12 pm
  - Thursday: 11 am-12 pm
  - *Sunday: 10-11 am*
- Final exam:
  - Part 1: Thursday, 9 am-Friday, 10 am
  - Part 2: Friday, 9-10 am
- Last day to submit written work is on Wednesday

# Review: part 1 (introduction and key concepts)

- Key concepts and trends:
  - Poverty, illbeing, and poverty trends
  - (Economic) inequality and inequality trends
  - Development, capabilities, and human development
- Puzzles:
  - Geographic concentration → Yali's question
  - Divergent trends

# Review: part 2 (explaining development)

- Progress:
  - Modernization
  - Neoliberalism → structural adjustment programs
- Geography
- Historical legacies:
  - Impacts of colonialism
  - Dependency / underdevelopment and world-systems → import substitution industrialization
  - Institutions and institutionalism

# Review: part 2 (explaining development)

	Modernization	Neoliberalism	Geographic determinism	Dependency	Institutionalism	Capabilities
<b>Universalistic</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Normative</b>	Yes	Yes	No (usually)	Yes	No (caveat)	Yes
<b>Structural / deterministic</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (usually)	No
<b>Binary-based</b>	Yes	No (caveat)	No	Yes	No	No
<b>Nation-state-centric</b>	Yes	Complicated	No	Yes	No	No
<b>Economy-centric</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
<b>Dynamic / historical</b>	No	No	No	Ish	Depends	No
<b>Teleological</b>	Yes	Yes	Kind of	Ish	No	No
<b>Recognition of power</b>	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Tool of power</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	No (debatable)	No
<b>Eurocentric</b>	Yes	Yes	No (debatable)	Arguably	No (debatable)	No (debatable)
<b>Influential (outside academia)</b>	Yes	Yes	Somewhat	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Empirical</b>	No	No	Yes (within academia)	No	Yes	No

# Review: part 3 (political development)

	<b>Integrated (autonomous)</b>	<b>Dispersed</b>
<b>High state capacity</b>	Development + repression (developmental states)	Development + accountability / responsiveness (‘consensually strong state equilibrium’)
<b>Low state capacity</b>	No development + repression	No development + decentralization of predation

# Review: part 3 (political development)

- Necessity of high state capacity for (economic) development
- Sources of high state capacity:
  - Tilly: complex, *longue durée* historical processes (Western Europe and 'western offshoots')
  - Kohli: imposition of capable states by external agents (developmental states)
  - Doner et al.: systemic vulnerability (developmental states)
- Necessity of high state capacity + dispersed pattern of domination (i.e. consensually strong state equilibrium) for the realization of human capabilities
- Dispersed domination as a function of the strength of (civil) society

# Review: part 3 (political development)

- Lack of development in conditions of:
  - Neopatrimonialism
  - Political mobilization of collective identities
  - Conflict
  - (*← all three previous conditions to a degree a result of colonialism*)
  - Ill-thought-out 'developmental' interventions ('seeing like a state')



# Review: part 4 (what is to be done?)

- Foreign aid:
  - Types:
    - Development
    - Humanitarian
  - Problems tackled:
    - Technical (all humanitarian relief, cash transfers, vaccination campaigns, etc.)
    - 'Wicked hard,' e.g. structural adjustment programs, good governance agenda
- Trade and globalization
- Migration

Is this all?



# Review: analysis



# Final exam

- Need to demonstrate both knowledge of the course content and analytical ability
- Part 1: essay
- Part 2: short answers

# Review activities

1. Assign grades to sample short answers
2. Write your own answers to final exam short answer questions
3. Write a plan of an answer to an essay question