

PLS 341
Politics of Development

Week 15:
Review

Plan for this week

- Review:
 - Development in the world of deprivation and plenty
 - Explanations of development
 - Political development
 - Alternatives to political development
- Final exam overview

Development

- The world of deprivation and plenty
- The many aspects of development
- Complexity
- Ambiguity
- Elusiveness
- Contestation

Explanations of development

- Progress:
 - Inevitable —> modernization theory
 - Necessitous of assistance —> neoliberalism
- Geography
- Historical legacies:
 - Colonialism
 - Dependency / development theories
 - Institutionalism

Political institutions of development

- State capacity
- State vulnerability and societal pressure
- Regime type
- Treatment of society and social groups
- Social structure
- Dispute management



Political development

	Dispersed domination	Integrated domination
High state capacity	Fukuyama's Denmark and Acemoglu's 'consensually strong states'	<i>Kohli's developmental states</i> , Scott's 'seeing like a state,' and Ferguson's 'anti-politics machine'
Low state capacity	Democracies in the Global South and 'failed states'	Neopatrimonial states

Development problems

- Wicked hard
- Technical / logistical

		Examples	
		Health	Finance
Policy making/elite services		Iodization of salt	Monetary policy
Logistics		Vaccinations	Payment systems
Implementation intensive service delivery		Curative care	Loans
Implementation intensive imposition of obligations		Regulation of private providers	Regulation of private providers
Wicked hard		Preventative health	Equity financing of start-ups

Figure 5.2. The five types of activities that have different capability needs in implementation



Alternatives to political development

- Development assistance
- Removal of restrictions on the international flows of:
 - Capital, goods, and services
 - People

Course questions

- What explains the strong connections between economic development, access to public goods, protections of freedoms and human rights, and environmental change?
- What explains the coexistence of deprivation and plenty in the contemporary world?
- Why are some parts of the world so poor, repressive, and violent, while others are rich, free, and peaceful?
- What explains the dramatic, but very uneven, changes in the incidence of poverty, access to public goods, natural environment, etc. that the world has experienced in recent decades?

Course content



Final exam

- Two parts, 50% each:
 - Part I:
 - 1 essay that responds to a question chosen from a list of 3
 - ~2-4 pages, 24 hours
 - Part II:
 - 4 short answers to prompts chosen from a list of 10
 - ~100-150 words per term, 1 hour
- Class + readings
- Description + analysis

Review activities

- Outline essays responding to Part I questions
- Write short answers in response to Part II prompts

A dramatic image of Earth being consumed by fire. The planet is shown from a perspective where the left side is still recognizable as Earth with blue oceans and white clouds, while the right side is engulfed in intense orange and yellow flames. The text "THE END" is overlaid in a black, serif font across the center of the planet.

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