

PLS 341
Politics of Development

Week 6:
Review—parts I and II

Plan for this week

- Parts I and II review
- Term test

Plan for today

- Review:
 - Development in the world of deprivation and plenty
 - Explanations of development:
 - Historical evolution
 - Theoretical contributions and flaws
 - Explanatory power
 - Influence
- Term test overview

Development

- The world of deprivation and plenty:
 - Geographic distribution and uneven change
- The many aspects of development, e.g.:
 - Economic prosperity
 - Health and nourishment
 - Safety and environment
 - Freedom, inclusion, and representation

Development

- Complexity:
 - Immanent process vs. intentional practice
 - Attempts at conceptual and operational simplification —> capabilities approach and human development
- Ambiguity
- Elusiveness
- Contestation

Explanations of development

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

Development of explanations

- Racial hierarchy
- Modernization
- Dependency
- Neoliberalism
- Geographic determinism
- Institutionalism

Theoretical attributes

- Overt normativity:
 - Modernization
 - Neoliberalism
 - Dependency / underdevelopment
- (Ostensible) detachment:
 - Geographic determinism (usually)
 - Colonialism
 - Institutionalism

Theoretical attributes

- Universal ambitions:
 - Modernization
 - Neoliberalism
 - Dependency / underdevelopment
- Attention to context (to some extent):
 - Geographic determinism
 - Colonialism
 - Institutionalism

Theoretical attributes

- Determinism:
 - Modernization
 - Geographic determinism
 - Dependency / underdevelopment
- Recognition of agency and contingency:
 - Neoliberalism
 - Colonialism
 - Institutionalism (to a degree)

Theoretical attributes

- Basis in a sharply-defined binary:
 - Modernization
 - Dependency / underdevelopment
- More fluidity:
 - Neoliberalism
 - Geographic determinism
 - Colonialism
 - Institutionalism

Theoretical attributes

- Eurocentrism:
 - Modernization
 - Neoliberalism
- Efforts to avoid Eurocentrism:
 - Geographic determinism
 - Dependency / underdevelopment
 - Institutionalism

Theoretical attributes

- Focus on the nation-state / society:
 - Modernization
- Recognition of the importance of other levels of analysis:
 - Neoliberalism (with a caveat)
 - Geographic determinism
 - Colonialism
 - Dependency / underdevelopment (with a caveat)
 - Institutionalism

Theoretical attributes

- Focus on economic development:
 - Modernization
 - Neoliberalism
 - Dependency / underdevelopment
- Recognition of other aspects of development:
 - Geographic determinism
 - Colonialism
 - Institutionalism

Theoretical attributes

- Attention to historical processes:
 - Colonialism
 - Dependency (to a very limited degree)
 - Institutionalism (usually)
- Simplistic / unempirical model of history:
 - Modernization
 - Neoliberalism
 - Geographic determinism

Theoretical attributes

- Recognition of unequal relations of power:
 - Colonialism
 - Dependency / underdevelopment
 - Institutionalism
- Effective denial of relations of power:
 - Modernization
 - Neoliberalism
 - Geographic determinism

Theoretical attributes

- Tool of the powerful:
 - Modernization
 - Neoliberalism
- Tool of the less powerful:
 - Dependency / underdevelopment

Explanatory power

- Basis in reality:
 - Geographic determinism (to some, quite limited degree)
 - Colonialism
 - Institutionalism
- Limited or no basis in reality:
 - Modernization
 - Neoliberalism
 - Dependency / underdevelopment (caveat)

Influence

- Modernization —> limited material effects but far-reaching indirect influence
- Neoliberalism —> Washington Consensus and SAPs
- Geographic determinism ~> early 20th c. public health interventions
- Dependency / underdevelopment —> ISI and NIEO
- Institutionalism —> *efforts to foster 'good' institutions*

Term test

- Description and analysis:
 - Explanation and application of specific terms +
 - Demonstration of broader understanding of material, e.g.:
 - SAPs —> neoliberalism (and perhaps debt crisis —> ISI)
 - World Systems Theory —> dependency / underdevelopment
 - Developmental effects of factor endowments —> geographic determinism

Term test

- 50 minutes
- 4 terms
- ~100-150 words per term
- Chosen by you from a list of terms randomly selected from the list in the study guide (with no new, unexpected terms)