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Economics 7690 Structuralist Theories of Development

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Objectives

To acquaint students with competing non-orthodox theories of development and their evolution over time. The course will begin with a review of the main currents in orthodox theories of, and approaches to, development economics. It will then consider a variety of alternative approaches beginning with Latin American structuralism and its differences from 'Anglo-Saxon' structuralism. The debates about the original transition to capitalism will then be examined as will the Japanese transition which differed significantly from that in Europe. This will be followed by analysis of Marx's writings on colonialism and their validity, as a segué into Neo-Marxian theories and the Staple Theory (as applied to Canadian and Aboriginal economic development). Feminist and ecological theories of development will also be studied. Theoretical issues in contemporary capitalism and the new imperialism will be addressed, as will the debates about structural adjustment and its role in the neo-liberal re-shaping of the global economy. The reasons behind the growing power of India and China will also be looked at. Post-development theory will be appraised critically. Other possible topics will be the role of institutions in development, contemporary debates about the role of aid, the nature and role of social capital, sustainable livelihoods and social inclusion. Where appropriate, the course will examine the strategies of development which appear to follow logically from the various theories. It will emphasise the richness of debate within the literature and highlight the principal issues which remain controversial or unresolved. The contribution to debates by third world scholars will be stressed.

Assignments

Students will be required to present a major paper of not less than 20 pages (5,000 words) and not more than 30 pages (7,500 words) in length. Two copies of the paper will be submitted, one week before the date of presentation, one to the instructor and one to the student assigned to comment on the paper. A one page summary will be made available to other students one day before presentation. Students will present their papers in 20 minutes, maximum, and a constructive commentary of not more than 5 minutes will be followed by class discussion. Commentaries will be written and submitted for grading on the day of the presentation to which they refer. If necessary, topics for papers will be suggested during term, but students are encouraged to develop their own topics and generally, papers should attempt to combine theoretical and empirical analysis.

Students will also be required to lead the discussion on two theoretical topics, introducing a key article, situating it in the literature and commenting critically on its contribution. Presentations may be made in PowerPoint if desired. They should be written up in no more than three pages and submitted on the day of presentation.

There will be a short in-class test at a date to be decided. Students will be graded on their participation in class discussions.

Marking Scheme

Paper	30
Commentary	10
Topic Presentations 10 each	20
In-Class Test	20
Participation	20
	100

A+ ‘85+, A ‘80 - 84, B+ ‘75-79, B ‘70 -74, C+ ‘65-69, C ‘ 60-64, D ‘ 50-59, F ‘ < 50

Course Organisation

Classes will be a mix of formal lectures, student presentations, discussions and, where appropriate, visiting speakers or videos. Students will receive some evaluative feedback on performance before the final withdrawal date of November 13, 2013. Assignments handed in late will be subject to penalty. Students are advised to familiarize themselves with university regulations concerning plagiarism, cheating, exam impersonation, human rights and the obligations and responsibilities of academic staff and of students. The Faculty reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.

The common penalty in Arts for academic dishonesty on a test or examination is F for the paper, F (CW) for the course, and a one-year suspension from courses acceptable for credit in the Faculty. For more serious acts of academic dishonesty on a test or examination, such as repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five years from registration in courses taught in a particular department in Arts or from all courses taught in or accepted for credit by this Faculty. The Faculty is considering adopting a *zero tolerance* approach for “cheating” on either a term test or a final examination. Under this approach, students for whom allegations of cheating have been upheld will receive a final course grade of F (CW) and a minimum two year suspension.

Contact hours will be initially Wednesdays 11-12 or by appointment. Other specific times may be arranged in class once student availability has been determined.

Outline and Reading List. Precise topics to be covered will depend upon time available and student interest. It is unlikely we will cover all of these.

1. **Development Economics: Issues and Contemporary Debates?**

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McCord, William, ‘The Japanese Model’ in Charles K. Wilber (ed), *The Political Economy of Development and Underdevelopment*, Random House, New York, 1973. 1st Edition.

4. **Marx and late Marx on Colonialism.**

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Avineri, S. `Karl Marx on Colonialism and Modernisation' in Howard and King (Eds) *The Economics of Marx*, Penguin, New York, 1976.
Melotti, Umberto *Marx and the Third World*, MacMillan, London, 1977.
Mohri, Kenzo "Marx and `Underdevelopment'" *Monthly Review* Vol.30 no. 11, April 1979.

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Loxley, John, Reflections on Change and Continuity at the IMF', *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 32, Issue 3, 2011.

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