

## **CONFLICT IN DEVELOPMENT (CONF 732)**

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### **Welcome to Conflict in Development 2015.**

Both conflict and development are complex processes that have inhered in human society in various forms and intensities from time immemorial. The fall of colonial empires after World War II leading to the establishment of numerous new states, and the inexorable process of global integration, have moved both processes firmly onto the international agenda. The relationship between the two processes, despite decades of examination, remains poorly understood. There exists some agreement among scholars and practitioners that poverty, inequality, and lack of development contribute to conflict, including violent conflict. However the nature of the relationship remains contested. It is also widely observed that conflict not only impedes but reverses development gains. This year (2015) is the target year for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). There has been unprecedented progress toward those goals, however many regions remain snarled in deadly conflict, making the achievement of these ambitious goals disappointingly unlikely.

As this is a graduate seminar the emphasis will be on full class participation and interactive discussion. Readings are substantial – it is not anticipated that you will read every page of every book/article; however you will be expected to understand the principles and arguments of each. Regular participation will constitute a significant element in the grading formula. Students will be expected to lead as well as contribute to discussions. Verbal communication skills are vital to successful careers in all contemporary professions. Written assignments for the class include a mid-term paper due March 16 (approximately 3000 words), and a term paper (4000-5000 words) due on April 27. Each student will be required to lead the class discussion on at least one date, and each student will be required to serve as rapporteur for one session. Grading will be based on the following formula:

Mid-term paper; 20%

Term paper; 40%

Class participation; 30%

Rapporteur report; 10%

Please note; **There will be no class on February 16.**

This class has no final exam – however **we will hold our final session (Session 14), on May 11**, the scheduled final exam day/time.

## Sessions

### **January 26: SESSION 1; Introduction to Course and Concepts**

- ¥ "The Stages of Economic Growth: A Non-Communist Manifesto, W.W. Rostow (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1960), Chapter 2, "The Five Stages of Growth--A Summary," pp. 4-16. <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/ipe/rostow.htm>
- ¥ "Development and Conflict Theory," Olympio Barbanti, Jr., in *Beyond Intractability*. Eds. Guy Burgess and Heidi Burgess. Conflict Research Consortium, University of Colorado, Boulder. Posted: August 2004. [http://www.beyondintractability.org/essay/development\\_conflict\\_theory/](http://www.beyondintractability.org/essay/development_conflict_theory/).
- ¥ "Dilemmas in a General Theory of Planning," Horst W. J. Rittel & Melvin M. Webber, *Policy Sciences* 4 (1973), 155-169. [http://www.uctc.net/mwebber/Rittel+Webber+Dilemmas+General\\_Theory\\_of\\_Planning.pdf](http://www.uctc.net/mwebber/Rittel+Webber+Dilemmas+General_Theory_of_Planning.pdf)

### **February 2: SESSION 2; Development Context in Historical Perspective**

- ¥ The Wealth and Poverty of Nations, David S. Landes, Norton, 1998
- ¥ "Institutions, History and Economic Development," Kenneth Dam, John M. Olin Law and Economics Working Paper No. 271, The Law School of the University of Chicago, 1/2006 (revised 10/2006), [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=875026##](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=875026##)

### **February 9: SESSION 3; Development's Promise**

- ¥ The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time, Jeffrey Sachs, Penguin Books; Reprint edition (February 28, 2006)

### **February 16: NO CLASS**

### **February 23: SESSION 4; Development and Culture**

- ¥ Culture Matters, Lawrence Harrison, Samuel Huntington (Eds.), Basic Books, 2000
- ¥ "Democracy Isn't 'Western'; Cultural determinists should look beyond Ancient Greece," Amartya Sen, *The Wall Street Journal*, Friday, March 24, 2006, [Http://Www.Opinionjournal.Com/Editorial/Feature.Html?Id=110008132](http://Www.Opinionjournal.Com/Editorial/Feature.Html?Id=110008132)
- ¥ "Universalism, Eurocentrism, and Ideological Bias in Development Studies: from Modernisation to Neoliberalism," John Brohman, *Third World Quarterly*, Vol 16, No 1, 1995

### **March 2: SESSION 5; Development as Freedom**

¥ Development as Freedom, Amartya Sen, New York, 1999

## **March 9: Spring Break – No Class**

### **March 16: SESSION 6; Causes of Conflict**

- ¥ Greed and Grievance, Mats Berdal, David Malone (eds.), Lynne Reinner, Boulder, CO, 2000; chapters 1 – 7
- ¥ "Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War," James D. Fearon and David D. Laitin, *American Political Science Review*, August 27, 2002, <http://www.yale.edu/irspeakers/Fearon.pdf>
- ¥ "Ethnic Conflict and Economic Development: A Policy Oriented Analysis," John M. Richardson Jr. and Shinjinee Sen, School of International Service, American University, March 24, 1996, <http://www.american.edu/jrich/Richardson.ethnic.confl.html>

## **FIRST ESSAY DUE**

### **March 23: SESSION 7; Causes of Conflict**

- ¥ Rethinking the Economics of War, Cynthia Aronson, I. William Zartman, Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, MD, 2005; chapters 1, 10

### **March 30: SESSION 8; Causes of Conflict; Economic Explanations**

- ¥ Breaking the Conflict Trap; Civil War and Development Policy, Paul Collier et.al, World Bank, Washington, D.C, 2003; ([http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTMODELSITE/EXTPRRMODEL/0,,ImgPagePK:64202988~entityID:000094946\\_0306190405396~pagePK:64212652~piPK:64212659~theSitePK:477803,00.html](http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTMODELSITE/EXTPRRMODEL/0,,ImgPagePK:64202988~entityID:000094946_0306190405396~pagePK:64212652~piPK:64212659~theSitePK:477803,00.html))
- "Rapid Growth as a Destabilizing Force," Mancur Olson, Jr., *The Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 23, No. 4 (Dec., 1963), pp. 529-552, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2116214>

### **April 6: SESSION 9; Building the Post-Conflict State**

- ¥ Fixing Failing States; A Framework for Rebuilding a Fractured World, Ashraf Ghani and Clare Lockhart, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008

### **April 13: SESSION 10; The State and its Challenges; Illicit Power Structures and Illicit Networks**

- ¥ Insurgents, Terrorists and Militias: The Warriors of Contemporary Combat, Richard H.

Schultz and Andrea J. Dew, Columbia University Press, New York, 2006

- ¥ "Back to the Street without Joy: Counterinsurgency Lessons from Vietnam and Other Small Wars," Robert M. Cassidy, Parameters: US Army War College; Summer2004, Vol. 34 Issue 2 (e-journals)
- ¥ "On the Threshold: Environmental Changes as Causes of Acute Conflict," Thomas Homer-Dixon, International Security, Vol. 16, No. 2 (Fall 1991); <http://www.library.utoronto.ca/pcs/thresh/thresh1.htm>

#### **April 20: SESSION 11; Democratization and Good Governance (Barbara smith)**

- ¥ "DAC Guidelines on Conflict, Peace and Development Cooperation," Development Advisory Committee, OECD, 1997 (pps. 36- 51), <http://www.fas.org/asmp/campaigns/smallarms/eguide.pdf>
- ¥ "Political Development and Political Decay," Samuel P. Huntington, World Politics, Vol. 17, No. 3 (Apr., 1965), pp. 386-430, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2009286>
- ¥ "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy," Seymour Martin Lipset, The American Political Science Review, Vol. 53, No. 1 (Mar., 1959), pp. 69-105: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/1951731>
- ¥ "Is Democratization Dead?" Michael Miklaucic, Harvard International Review, June 29, 2008; <http://hir.harvard.edu/index.php?page=article&id=1724&p=2>
- ¥ "How Development Leads to Democracy; What We Know About Modernization," Ronald Inglehart and Christian Welzel, From Foreign Affairs, March/April 2009

#### **April 27: SESSION 12; Transitional Justice**

- ¥ "Rethinking Truth and Reconciliation Commissions; Lessons from Sierra Leone," Rosalind Shaw, USIP Special Report 130, February 2005; <http://www.usip.org/resources/rethinking-truth-and-reconciliation-commissions-lessons-sierra-leone>
- ¥ "Forgiveness and Reconciliation: Paradise Lost or Pragmatism?" Brandon Hamber, Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology, 13(1), 115–125, 2007 (e-journals)
- ¥ Amnesty After Atrocity? Helena Cobban, (Chapter 6); <http://www.archipelago.org/vol10-34/cobban.htm>
- ¥ "Post-Conflict Peacebuilding: Meeting Human Needs for Justice and Reconciliation,:" Wendy Lambourne, Peace, Conflict and Development – Issue Four, April 2004; <http://www.peacestudiesjournal.org.uk/dl/PostConflictPeacebuilding.PDF>

**SECOND ESSAY DUE**

**May 4: SESSION 13; Reconstruction and Stabilization (rick barton)**

- ¥ "The Art of Stabilisation: Designing Post-Conflict Stabilisation Interventions," Seth G. Jones and Andrew Rathmell, June 2005
  
- ¥ "Difficult Choices in the New Post-Conflict Agenda: The International Community in Rwanda After the Genocide," Peter Uvin, Third World Quarterly, Vol. 22, No. 2 (Apr., 2001), pp. 177-189, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/3993405>

**May 11: SESSION 14; Emerging Challenges to Development**

- ¥ National Intelligence Council, "Global Trends 2030: Alternative Worlds," <http://publicintelligence.net/global-trends-2030/>