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PUBP 710 – 001 SPRING 2009
DEVELOPMENT FOR PRACTITIONERS
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This course will offer hands-on approaches for development for future practitioners. It will cover the role of international and domestic organizations, their functions and their approach to global poverty alleviation. It will cover populations, education, health, investment, fiscal and financial policy. Students will be required to develop a project that can foster development in an overseas environment of their choice. The course is specifically designed for individuals who are considering a career as development practitioners.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students are expected to keep up with each week's required readings and to participate in class discussion. Grading is based on one Oral Presentation and a Final Project.

30% Oral Presentation and Classroom participation

70% Final Project: To be undertaken in consultation with Prof. Root.

Week 1: JANUARY 20

Introduction to Theory and Practice in Development

Week 2: JANUARY 27

Investment and Growth

Holden, Paul and Sarath Rajapatirana (1995). *Unshackling the Private Sector: A Latin American Story*. Washington D.C.: The World Bank.

World Bank (2008). *Doing Business 2008*, The World Bank Press. Overview. Pgs. 1-8
http://www.doingbusiness.org/documents/FullReport/2008/DB08_Full_Report.pdf

Week 3: FEBRUARY 3

Public Sector Management Reform

Miller, Gary (1992). *Managerial Dilemmas: The Political Economy of Hierarchy*. Cambridge University Press.

Knott, J. H., and G. J. Miller (1987). *Reforming Bureaucracy: The Politics of Institutional Choice*. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall.

Weber, Max (1961). "Bureaucracy," in H. H. Gerth and C. W. Mills (eds.), *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Osborne, David and Peter Plastrik (2000). *The Reinventor's Fieldbook: Tools for Transforming Your Government*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Osborne, David and Peter Plastrik (1998). *Banishing Bureaucracy: The Five Strategies for Reinventing Government*. A Plume book.

Osborne, David and Ted Gaebler (1993). *Reinventing Government : How the Entrepreneurial Spirit is Transforming the Public Sector*. A Plume Book.

Week 4: FEBRUARY 10

Financial systems and Financial Systems reform

Mishkin, Frederic S. (2006). *The Next Great Globalization: How disadvantaged nations can harness their financial systems to get rich*. Princeton University Press. (Pgs. 129 - 171)

PEFA Framework:

The PEFA Framework, officially known as the Public Financial Management (PFM) Performance Measurement Framework, is intended to provide an integrated and harmonized approach for measuring and monitoring PFM performance progress, while also helping focus support on country-led PFM reform programs.

http://72.3.224.137/pfm_performance_file/the_framework_English_1193152901.pdf

Week 5: FEBRUARY 17

Decentralization

Ahmad, Junaid and Richard M. Bird (1998) *Rethinking Decentralization in Developing Countries*. Washington D.C.: World Bank.

Week 6: FEBRUARY 24

Law and Development

Glaeser, Edward and Andrei Shleifer (2002). "Legal Origins," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 117(4): 1193-1229.

Davis, Kevin E., and Michael J. Trebilcock (2008). *The Relationship Between Law and Development: Optimists versus Skeptics*. The American Society of Comparative Law, Inc.

Week 7: MARCH 3

Corruption

Johnston, Michael (2005). *Syndrome of Corruption: Wealth, Power, and Democracy*. Cambridge University Press.

MARCH 10: NO CLASS (Spring break)

Week 8: MARCH 17

Monitoring and Evaluation

Required: Easterly 45-1444

Suggested:: Banerjee, Abhijit Vinayak (2007). *Making Aid Work*. Cambridge: MIT Press.

Week 9: MARCH 24

What do Aid Agencies Do?

Easterly ed. 2008, 283-399.

Easterly, William, and Tobias Pfutze, 2008, "Where Does the Money Go? Best and Worst Practices in Foreign Aid," *Journal of Economic Perspective*, Vol. 22, Number 2 (Spring), pp. 29—52.

Brainard, Lael (2007). Organizing U.S. Foreign Assistance to Meet Twnty-First Century Challenges," Security by other means: Foreign Assistance, Global Powerty, and American Leadership. Ed. Lael Brainard. Brookings Institutions. (Pgs. 33-66)

Week 10: MARCH 31

Failings States: Sources and Policy Approaches

Collier, Paul (2007). *The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are failing and what can be done about it*. Oxford University Press. (Pgs. 99 – 192).

Week 11: APRIL 7

Building Democracy Abroad

Haggard, Stephan and Robert R. Kaufman (1995). "Introduction," *The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions*. Princeton University Press. (Pgs. 03-16).

Diamond, Larry (2008). *The Spirit of Democracy: The Struggle to Build Free Societies Throughout the World*. Times Books. Chps. 4 & 5 (Pgs. 88-134).

Carothers, Thomas (1999). "*The Spirit of Democracy: The Struggle to Build Free Societies Throughout the World*," Carnegie Endowment (Pgs. 88- 255).

Recommended:

Slaughter, Anne-Marie (2009). "Wilsonianism in the Twenty-first Century," in *Crisis of America's Foreign Policy*. Ed. G. John Ikenberry. Princeton University Press.

"Democracies of the World, Unite" - Ivo Daalder & James Lindsay, *The American Interest* magazine. <http://www.the-american-interest.com/ai2/article.cfm?Id=219&Mid=6>

Ikenberry, G. John and Anne-Marie Slaughter (2006). *Forging A World of Liberty Under Law: U.S. National Security in the 21st Century*.
<http://www.princeton.edu/~ppns/report/FinalReport.pdf>

Thomas Carothers, 1999: Aiding Democracy Abroad: The Learning Curve, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Week 12: APRIL 14

Social Capital and Human Development

UNDP (2005). *Human Development Report 2005: International cooperation at a crossroads: Aid, trade and security in an unequal world*. Overview: Pgs. 1-14.

Week 13: APRIL 21

Reforming Foreign Aid
Easterly et al 415-502.

Week 14: APRIL 28: READING DAY

Week 15: MAY 5: TERM PAPER DUE