South-South Economic Relations
Course Syllabus and Readings

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Course Description: The last fifteen years have witnessed a resurgence in political and economic cooperation among the developing nations of the South. This course examines recent changes in the international economy, with a special focus on South-South relations. Some questions we will consider are: What will be the impact of the rise of Third World Capitalism on the global economy? What will the global economy look like when we emerge from the current financial crises? Does South-South cooperation hold the promise of an alternative model to neoliberal globalization or is it best thought of as unity against Northern hegemony? How has colonialism previously and economic liberalization more recently changed the structure and pattern of trade among developing countries? In the course we will trace the historical patterns of trade among developing nations since the colonial era and then look closely at South-South cooperation in the post-WWII period.

Expectations/Criteria for Evaluation:

- **Attendance and Participation:** This course is a discussion-based seminar; your preparation and participation is crucial to its success. Plan to attend all class meetings, and come to class prepared to discuss the week’s assigned readings. You may not miss more than one class to receive an evaluation.

- **Response Papers:** These writing assignments, 2 pages in length, will help you to engage more closely with the class readings and to build and strengthen your analytical skills. The response paper should not be a summary of the readings, but a reflection on them, posing questions, raising objections, and suggesting avenues for further discussion. They should be more analytical and less descriptive in nature and you should have at least one question or comment on each of the readings due that week. As the semester progresses I may provide you with specific prompts for the response paper. I will not accept response papers after the end of class on the day they are due.

- **Presentation:** Starting with the fourth class meeting (this may change depending on enrollment) you will be asked to present your findings on a specific topic of South-South cooperation (e.g. regional trade agreement; inter-regional trade; south-south blocs in multinationals institutions). The presentation and subsequent discussion will take place in the second half of the class meeting. This presentation should apply one or more of the theoretical frameworks presented in the class meetings to the particular case of South-South cooperation that you will consider and present empirical evidence to support this application. The topic should be connected to the class readings for that day, but you should provide one additional reading for discussion.

- **Research Essay:** The other major assignment of the semester is a substantial independent research essay of 20 pages or more, for which you will prepare a proposal and annotated bibliography. More details on this assignment will be forthcoming.

- **Portfolio:** Please save all the work that you hand in this semester, including the notes from your presentation, and hand them in along with your final research paper. The evaluation for this course will note the overall quality (and progress) of your written work, your presentation, final paper, and class participation. Note to Five College students: I will assign a grade at the end of the semester based on your overall performance and will not be issuing periodic grade updates. Based on whether your performance was excellent, very good, or average, I will assign an “A”,
“B”, or “C” grade. If you do not complete the assignments, final paper as well as presentation and attend class regularly, you will receive an F.

**Other Information:**
- **Course Website:** This syllabus is available in electronic form from our course website, which you can access via the library website, or directly at [https://moodle.hampshire.edu](https://moodle.hampshire.edu).
- **Writing Center:** If you need help organizing and writing your final paper, contact the Writing Center faculty, Deb Gorlin dfgWP@hampshire.edu x5531 and Will Ryan wjrWP@hampshire.edu x5646.
- **Library:** Dan Schnurr dschnurr@hampshire.edu x5704 is the Social Science librarian. Please contact Dan for assistance in researching your presentation or final paper.
- **Disability Services:** If you have a disability that might affect your ability to meet the expectations of the course, you should contact Disability Services directly. You can reach Joel Dansky, the Disability Services Coordinate at jdansky@hampshire.edu x5423.
- **Academic Honesty:** You must abide by Hampshire College’s Ethics of Scholarship, found at: [http://www.hampshire.edu/casa/9063.htm](http://www.hampshire.edu/casa/9063.htm). Failure to abide by these guidelines includes: plagiarism, false citation, false data, intentional poor documentation; papers written by others; and unacknowledged multiple submission. See the guidelines for a description on what each entails.

**Class and Reading Schedule:** All available as pdf files on the course website. Please print out the readings in a course reader as soon as possible. Hampshire College library duplications offers relatively inexpensive services for course readers.

**January 31:** **Introduction; Globalization: Divergence and Uneven Development**


**February 7:** **International Political Economy: Liberalism, Constructivism, and neo-Realism**


**February 14: World-Systems Analysis & the Semi-Periphery**


**February 21: Political Economy of the New Regionalism**


**February 28: Rise of the Third World: Non-alignment and the G-77**

Prashad, V. 2007. *The Darker Nation’s: A People’s History of the Third World*


**March 7: Fall and Re-rise of the Third World?**


**March 14: SPRING BREAK NO CLASS**

**March 21: Trade Agreements in the 21st Century**


March 28: **China in Africa and Latin America**


April 4: **Negotiating Blocs in the WTO**


April 11: **South American Integration**


April 18: **MERCOSUR**


April 25: South-South Trade


May 2: Social Movements in the Global Economy

