

GY301 Political Geography of Development and the South

Week 22

REVISION SESSION

Exam Exercise #1

You have **3 minutes** to

read the exam paper and

choose 3 questions to answer.

You should be able to **explain**
the reasons for your choice, and
your readings of the questions (not your answer structures) to
the class...

GO!

1. Critically analyse how far Derek Gregory's idea of the 'colonial present' is helpful to understand contemporary geopolitics.
2. How far do you agree with the assertion that Sir Halford Mackinder's 'Pivot of History' had little relevance when first made and has even less today.
3. 'The formation of the Bretton Woods Institutions was prompted by demands for economic stability and only later became justified by a contribution to development.' Critically discuss this statement.
4. Critically assess George Kennan's concept of 'containment' as a framework to understand the Cold War.
5. According to Naomi Klein (2007), neoliberalism has introduced an era of 'Disaster Capitalism'. Consider how far you agree and outline the implications for development and geopolitics.
6. With reference to examples consider how far you agree with Abrahamsen (2001) that "the main effect of the [good governance] discourse is to construct structural adjustment as a force for democracy".
7. The 'war on drugs' is as much about the shortcomings of development as it is about geopolitics. Discuss.
8. Critically examine the argument that transnational youth gangs represent a viable security threat for the twenty-first century.
9. Drawing upon the writing of James Ferguson, show how the object of development is constructed and suggest why this matters.

Exam Exercise #2

You have 5 minutes to

write an essay outline

for 1 exam question.

(a good one)

remember to be able to justify your reading of the question, approach, citations and examples...

GO!

Take some time to talk about this exercise
with each other



Exam Exercise #3

Because it would take ages to give you all individual feedback...

Find 2 other people doing one of your topics
(NOT *the topic you just wrote about*)

Then make an essay plan together using the best
bits of all your ideas...

GO!

DON'T FORGET CITATIONS AND EMPIRICAL EXAMPLES
(note: new set of questions)

1. In light of events post 9/11, to what extent can we agree with Samuel Huntington that contemporary conflicts are determined by "civilizational fault-lines" (1997: 41)?
2. Evaluate how far Mackinder's The Geographical Pivot of History fulfilled his claim to present a 'world view'.
3. 'During The Cold War, 'development' became a marker of a country's loyalty or threat.' Discuss.
4. Critically assess the argument that 'good governance' is the solution to corruption in the developing world.
5. Using examples, outline the causes and effects of everyday violence on development.
6. 'If most ideas promoting Development have been too hopeful, then most Post Development critiques have been too pessimistic.' Discuss.
7. 'Western representations of 'underdeveloped' people and places tell us more about those doing the representing than those who are represented.' Discuss with reference to examples.
8. Critically evaluate the extent to which civil society actors represent progressive change in countries of the South.
9. Using **AT LEAST TWO** examples, indicate the contribution of Critical Geopolitics to our understanding of contemporary security concerns.

Take some time to talk *about this exercise*
with each other



Any questions?

A reflective space...

Next Week: NOTHING!!!

THIS IS THE LAST CLASS!!!!



Bye

Good luck!!!!!!!!!!

