

GOV673: Intl. Democracy Development

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The course deals with the international agendas to promote good government and market economies in new and emerging democracies. The course covers competing concepts of, and new approaches to, democracy and development; it deals with the perceived linkages between human rights, global democracy, and global development.

The course seeks to promote a God-centered understanding of democracy and development. Constitutional principles will be applied to an analysis of declarations and political developments, and cultural principles to agendas for socio-economic developments.

CONNECTION TO PROGRAM OF STUDY

The Government program is designed to train leaders who understand the divine foundations of peoples and nation-states, good order and good government. These transcendental foundations will help formulate ethical and just policies for economic institutions and organizations in new and emerging communities of democracy.

COURSE GOALS

On the basis of transcendental norms, critically analyze:

- A. The integration of religion, ideology, democracy and development.
- B. The concept of sovereignty of the people, and the foundation of constitutional democracy.
- C. The presuppositions of humanist, liberal and socialist approaches to democracy, development, global peace and to global order.
- D. Current global conflicts, international agendas, and decisions of political leaders.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- A. Learn to read and analyze basic texts, UN documents and foreign policy statements.
- B. Develop a balanced understanding of the tension between constitutional government and social-economic democracy.
- C. Discern the new ideological direction of global democracy and global development.
- D. Develop an academic and activist passion to promote constitutional democracy and sustainable development, and to encourage the freedom and independence of democratic nations.

Texts and Other Readings

A. Required Texts:

Larry Diamond and Marc F. Plattner, editors. *The Global Divergence of Democracies*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001

Edward Newman and Roland Rich, editors. *The UN Role in Promoting Democracy*. New York: United Nations University Press, 2004.

Hernando DeSoto. *The Mystery of Capital*. New York: Basic Books, 2000.

B. Electronic Texts:

Additional required readings of documents, declarations, and speeches are available via the relevant web pages, corresponding to the schedule of topics. Other documents will be available in Blackboard under Course Materials.

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