FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Books to Be Purchased:
Anthony Giddens, Capitalism and Modern Social Theory
Samuel P. Huntington, The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of the World Order
Seymour Martin Lipset, American Exceptionalism
Edward W. Said, Orientalism
Alvin Y. So, Social Change and Development

Books Recommended for Purchase:
Michel Foucault, Discipline and Punish
Joseph E. Stiglitz, Globalization and Its Discontents

1/24 International Education: World Views and Modernity


1/31 Marx and the Shaping of Human Consciousness

Read: Giddens, Capitalism, pp. 1-64; Frank E. Manuel, A Requiem for Karl Marx,” Daedalus, (Spring, 1992).

Recommended Reading: For those of you who have little or no background in social theory, it might be useful for you to look at Raymond Aron, "Karl Marx," Main Currents in Sociological Thought, v. 1, and Raymond Aron, "Emile Durkheim” and “Max Weber” in Main Currents in Sociological Thought, v.2.

2/7 Durkheim and Functionalism

Read: Giddens, Capitalism, 65-119.

2/14  Weber and Social Action

Read:  Giddens, *Capitalism*, 119-185;

Recommended Reading:  Steven Seidman, “Modernity, Meaning, and Cultural
Pessimism in Max Weber,” *Sociological Analysis* (Winter, 1983)

2/21  Knowledge and Socialization


2/28  American Modernization: A Model for the World?


3/7  Democracy Promotion


3/14  No Class – Spring Break

3/21  Dependency Theory


3/28  World System Analysis

4/4  Cross-Cultural Analysis


4/11 Postcolonialism and Convergence


4/18 Clash of Civilizations and Globalization


4/25 Presentation of Projects

5/2 Presentation of Projects

5/9 Discussion of American Modernization Theory

There will be a take-home final examination. Your final examination will be distributed on Wednesday, May 2, and due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7.

You will also have to prepare an analysis, 15 pages, of an international educational project, either ongoing or recently completed, that is designed to promote modernization in a less developed country. Attached are several Websites of major international education agencies engaged in international development education that may help you in selecting a project for your paper. All of these agencies have programs that are being implemented at multiple sites. You should select a particular site, either an individual country or a region, in which the project is being implemented. You should then identify the underlying theoretical assumptions and models of modernization that inform the project, analyze the extent to which they fit with the values and traditions of the country or region you are examining, evaluate the project’s prospects for success, and formulate recommendations to modify and/or improve it. We shall discuss these projects on April 25 and May 2. Your paper will be due in class on Wednesday, May 9.

You final grade will be based upon the following: Class Participation (20%); Paper (40%); Final Examination (40%).
International Education Websites

_____Council of Europe, Human Rights
http://www.coe.int/t/e/human_rights/ecri/
The Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights was established in 1999 as an independent institution within the Council of Europe. This Office addressed racism in a human rights context, underlining that discrimination based on factors such as race, ethnic or national origin, religious, linguistic or cultural background constitute serious violations of human rights and must be combated by all lawful means. The Council of Europe has a longstanding commitment in this respect, dating from the time of its establishment in 1949 in the wake of the fight against totalitarianism, racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism.

_____Council of Europe, Human Rights
http://www.coe.int/T/E/Human_Rights/Equality/
In the general perspective of the protection and promotion of human rights, the Council of Europe seeks to combat any interference with women's liberty and dignity (for example violence against women, trafficking in human beings), to eliminate discrimination based on sex and to promote a balanced representation of women and men in political and public life. Over the last thirty years, the legal status of women in Europe has undoubtedly improved, but effective equality is far from being a reality. Women are still marginalized in political and public life, paid less for work of equal value, find themselves victims of poverty and unemployment more often than men, and are more frequently subjected to violence.

_____National Endowment for Democracy, National Democratic Institute, Access Democracy
http://www.accessdemocracy.org/accessdem.asp
Since 1983, NDI has undertaken projects to promote democratic values, practices and institutions in countries throughout the world. Access Democracy is organized by Region/Country and by Topic/Subject. The main areas in which they have developed projects are as follows: Governance, Elections, Political Parties, Civil Military Relations, Citizen Participation, Women's Participation, and Special Materials (a place for the collection of materials pertinent to special projects).

_____U.S. Agency for International Development, Advancing Basic Education and Literacy, Basic Education and Policy Support Activity
http://www.beps.net
In the critical pursuit of improved basic education, BEPS aims to create learning environments where principles and practices such as equity, participation and quality prevail. BEPS initiatives result in governments, schools, teachers and communities that are responsive, motivated and innovative, and aim to promote student retention, completion and achievement in basic education.
UNESCO, *Education for All, Flagship Programme on Early Childhood Regional Capacity-Building Initiative*

United Nations Development Program, *Democratic Governance Programme*
http://www.undp.org/governance/
The overall objective of the Democratic Governance Programme is to promote a better understanding of how the capacities for good governance of the various actors - public, private and civic - at the appropriate levels - national, provincial, district, municipal, village or community - can be strengthened in the areas of policy formulation, resource management, and service delivery/access in order to achieve poverty eradication and other SHD (sustainable human development) goals. In different regions and countries there are a wide range of education related projects designed to promote democratic governance.

World Bank, *Literacy and Non Formal Education for Adults and Youth*
http://www1.worldbank.org/education/adultoutreach/
The purpose of the World Bank adult education and literacy programs is to improve communication skills, both oral and written, and mathematical skills. The aim of these programs is to produce adults who are: better informed on health-related issues, thus contributing to disease prevention and better family health; politically empowered, especially women and girls; more productive economically, thus leading to higher income levels and improved quality of life; aware of the power of education, thus leading to increased participation in children's education; and more prepared and willing to actively participate in their community and society.

Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI), *Women in Technology (WIT) for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region*
http://mepi.state.gov/ and http://www.witmena.org/ The purpose of MEPI, a U.S. Department of State initiative, is to promote democratic reform in the Middle East and North Africa. An integral part of U.S. policy, MEPI provides coordinated, tangible support and public commitment to indigenous efforts in the areas of women's empowerment, educational advancement, economic development and political participation. WIT is managed by the Institute of International Education (IIE) and implemented in collaboration with local partners in nine countries: Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Yemen. Since its launch in 2005, WIT has trained over 3,000 women and built the capacity of 40 local women’s organizations in the Middle East.