Whether referred to as the “Third World,” or other variants such as the “Global South,” the “Developing World,” the “G-77,” the “Non-Aligned Movement,” or the “Post-Colonial World,” a certain unity has long been assumed for the multitude of countries ranging from Central and South America, across Africa to much of Asia. Is it valid to speak of a Third World? What were / are the connections between countries of the Third World? What were / are the high and low points of Third World solidarity? What is the relationship between the First and Third Worlds? And whither the Third World in the contemporary world order? Drawing on academic and journalistic writings, personal narratives, fiction and film, this course will explore the concept of the Third World from economic, political and cultural perspectives. Beginning with the heyday of the anti-colonial struggles, we will examine the trajectory of the Third World in global political debates through the end of the Cold War and start of the War on Terror.

The course will be graded on a 25-25-25-25 basis, with two papers worth 25% each and a mid-term worth 25%. The remaining 25% will be based on your on-time attendance and participation in the course.

Required Texts (available in the book store):


Other sources:

We will be reading many articles or book chapters that I have not asked you to buy. For these, I will scan a copy of the article and make it available to you as a PDF on Moodle listed by the Author’s first and last name. In addition, I occasionally will send out articles and links via the Moodle email system. Be sure that your Moodle email address is accurate.

Wednesday, September 4: Course Introduction

**Monday, September 9: NO CLASS**

**Roots of Third World Internationalism**

Wednesday, September 11:
Monday, September 16:


**Bandung and the Non-Aligned Movement**

Wednesday, September 18:

Richard Wright. *The Color Curtain*. pp. 11-26, 82-93, 157-173, and 199-221

Monday, September 23:


Martin Luther King, Jr. 1959. “Radio Address to India.” All India Radio.

Josef Broz Tito. 1961. “Address delivered to First Conference of Non-Aligned Countries.” pp. 9-16


Violence and Culture

Wednesday, September 25:

Frantz Fanon. 1961. The Wretched of the Earth. pp. 82-106 and 311-316.

Jalal Al-i Ahmad. 1962. Selection from Occidentosis: A Plague from the West.

Third World Solidarity in Practice: Cold War

Monday, September 30:

Vijay Prashad. The Darker Nations. pp. 105-115


Wednesday, October 2:


The Third World and the First World

Monday, October 7:


Wednesday, October 9:


**October 12-20: Fall Break**

**OCTOBER 21: PAPER 1 DUE IN CLASS**

**Gender**

Monday, October 21:


Wednesday, October 23:


Selection from Angela Davis. *The Angela Y. Davis Reader.*


**FILM**

Monday, October 28 and Wednesday, October 30:


Monday, November 4:


**Wednesday, November 6: MIDTERM**

**Third World in Education**

Monday, November 11:


Wednesday, November 13:


**Reflections on the Non-Aligned Movement**

Monday, November 18:


International Relations and the Third World

Wednesday, November 20:


Wednesday, November 27: No Class

Monday, November 25:


Monday, December 2:


Legacies of Third World Internationalism?

Wednesday, December 4:


Monday, December 9:


As-Sahab Media. 2007. Excerpt from “Interview with Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri.”


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