SYLLABUS

This syllabus will give you an idea of what topics we will cover and in what order. There is also posted on BlackBoard an Introduction to the Course, which explains my approach to the subject and gives you administrative details about exams, office hours, etc. The readings are subject to change as I find more appropriate or current material, but those through Topic V (Legal Theories of Development) are unlikely to change much if at all. As changes are made, a revised syllabus will be posted so that by the end of the course, the posted syllabus will be an accurate record of what we have covered (and what will be covered by the exam).

Except for the Easterly book, which you should purchase, all readings will either be posted on BlackBoard or links will be provided to websites where you can access the material without charge. No hard copies will be distributed.

I have posted and listed below more material than I will assign, so please be attentive to specific assignments that I will provide by email in advance of class. I have included these readings because you may find them informative and useful for further research.

I have listed dates for specific topics, but they are subject to change.

Finally, although our first class is likely to be many of your first class of the semester, we will discuss the Carothers reading, so please make every effort to take a look at it, however cursory.

I. INTRODUCTION: CONCEPTIONS OF LAW
(Class 1: Wednesday, August 27, 2008)


II. CONCEPTIONS OF DEVELOPMENT
(Classes 2 and 3: Wednesday, September 3, and Monday, September 8)


**III: ECONOMIC THEORIES OF DEVELOPMENT**
(Classes 4 and 5 Wednesday, September 10, and Monday, September 15)


**IV: CULTURAL THEORIES OF DEVELOPMENT**
(Classes 6 and 7: Wednesday, September 17, and Monday, September 22)


Alexander de Tocqueville, *Relationships Between Civil and Political Associations* and *How the Americans Combat Individualism by Doctrine of Self-Interest Properly Understood* in *DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA*, PP.520-528.

**V: LEGAL THEORIES OF DEVELOPMENT**

**V (A) SEEING LIKE A LAWYER?**
(Class 8: Wednesday, September 24)


**V (B) THE LAW AND DEVELOPMENT MOVEMENTS**
(Class 9: Monday September 29, 2008)


VI: MARKETS AND MERCANTILISM  
(Classes 10-14, (Wednesday, October 1, through Wednesday, October 15)

VI (A): THE EAST ASIAN DEVELOPMENTAL STATE


Daniel Bell, *Confucian Constraints on Property Rights*

Donald Clarke, *Economic Development and the Rights Hypothesis: The China Problem*

VI (B): PRIVATE MARKETS IN RUSSIA AND BEYOND

(1) Transition Economies


(2) Structural Adjustment and the IMF/World Bank

Joseph Stiglitz, *Post Washington Consensus Consensus*, THE INITIATIVE FOR POLICY DIALOGUE (FORTHCOMING)


**Supplemental Reading**

Joseph Stiglitz, GLOBALIZATION AND IT’S DISCONTENTS (2003), 53-88

Maxwell Cameron, Lisa North, *Development Paths at a Crossroads: Peru in Light of the East Asian Experience*, LATIN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES 25, NO. 5 (SEP 19980, 50-66.)


**VII. LAW AND …**

(Classes 15-22: Monday, October 20 through Wednesday, November 12, 2008)

**VII (A): LAW AND INVESTMENT: PROPERTY RIGHTS**

*Pennsylvania Coal Company v. Sanderson and Wife*


**Supplemental Reading**


**VII (B): LAW AND THE INFORMAL SECTOR**


Supplemental Reading
http://www2.gsb.columbia.edu/divisions/finance/seminars/micro/spring_03/Field_paper.pdf


**VII (C): LAW AND GOVERNANCE**

1. **Corruption**


Jean Ensminger, *Getting to the Bottom of Corruption: An African Case Study in Community Driven Development* [hard copy only, not for circulation]

2. **Law, Development, and Democracy**


Supplemental Reading


3. Creating Legal Institutions

Zhang Yi-mo, The Story of Qiu Zhu (film)
Lubman, pp. 102-137 (You need only skim 113-116 and 118-122).


VIII: AFRICAN CASE STUDY
(Classes 23 and 24: Monday, November 17, and Wednesday, November 19)


Patrick Chabal and Jean-Pascal Daloz, AFRICA WORKS: DISORDER AS POLITICAL INSTRUMENT (Indiana UP), pp. 1-44 (Chapters 1, 2, and 3). Read 1-30 for class. The rest is supplemental reading.


IX: GLOBALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT
(Classes 25 and 26: Monday, November 24, and Wednesday, November 26)

IX (A): MAKING LEGAL SYSTEMS COMPARABLE


IX (B): DEVELOPMENT FINANCE


**FINAL CLASSES: THEMES**
(Class 27 and 28, Monday, December 1, and Wednesday, December 3)
