

MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE

An
INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR
On

UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

(Presented in conjunction with the
American Universities Field Staff)

Spring Quarter 1953

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The general frame of reference of this seminar is that of development programs, past and present, in China, Turkey, the Middle East, and Brazil. Within this framework our purpose is the analysis of how development programs have affected and have been affected by the political, economic, and social structures of the given area. This approach assures continuity throughout the seminar and provides a focal point upon which the different disciplines may be trained.

ORGANIZATION

The seminar is designed to make use of four visiting lecturers who are members of the American Universities Field Staff and who have extensive first-hand knowledge gained from living and travelling in the areas under study. In the periods intervening between the visits of A.U.F.S. guests, our own staff members will hold seminar meetings. Here they will bring their various disciplines to bear upon the problems raised by the A.U.F.S. visitors and will discuss specified topics designed to round out and complete the course.

When guest lecturers are present, students will attend the seminar twice each week. In the intervening period the student group will be divided into two sections and each section will meet once each week. Students will be provided with background reading in the history and social organization of the countries to be discussed. Additional reading assignments will be made within the various disciplines to

provide students with specific information required by the staff seminars.

Each student is required to prepare a term paper, which will be written under the supervision of two or more members of the staff.

The seminars will meet from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

SCHEDULE OF SUBJECTS

TO BE COVERED BY GUEST LECTURERS AND STAFF

I. CHINA -- Mr. Barnett (A.U.F.S.)

1. Seminar meeting - April 7, 1953 (2½ hrs.) R 31 A. H

a. General background lecture on China (45 min.); discussion (30 min.)

b. Pre-Communist attempts to develop the Chinese economy (45 min.); discussion (30 min.)

Later meetings in B.H.

2. Seminar meeting - April 9, 1953 (2½ hrs.)

a. The Communist revolution, social changes, and development programs (45 min.); discussion (30 min.)

b. Some lessons for South-East Asia (45 min.); discussion (30 min.)

II. RAMIFICATIONS OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN THE FAR EAST -

April 14 and 16

Mr. Van der Kroef, Chairman

Mr. Tiedke

Mr. Gilbert

→ Mr. Fishel *Gene?*

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*By April 20 - have subject for term paper
June 2 - completion of paper*

III. PRINCIPLES AND PROBLEMS OF ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS -

April 21 and 23

3 - 5:30 *Final -*
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Mr. Fishel, Chairman

Mr. Hunter

Mr. Adams

Reynolds -
Stadman -

IV. TURKEY — Mr. Robinson (A.U.F.S.)

1. Seminar - May 5 (2½ hrs.)

a. Problems of economic development in Turkey (45 min.);
discussion (30 min.)

b. Principles of Foreign Aid as worked out in Turkey
(45 min.); discussion (30 min.)

2. Seminar - May 7 (2½ hrs.)

a. Land reform in Turkey (45 min.); discussion (30 min.)

b. Farm mechanization in Turkey (45 min.); discussion
(30 min.)

V. PROBLEMS OF CAPITAL FORMATION IN AREA DEVELOPMENT -

May 12 and 14

Mr. Hunter, Chairman

Mr. Adams

Mr. Walter Adams (if available)

Mr. Prestus (if available)

VI. POPULATION AND FOOD SUPPLY - May 19 and 21

Mr. Hathaway, Chairman

Mr. Van der Kroef

Mr. Loomis (if available)

Mr. Beegle (if available)

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VII. THE MIDDLE EAST -- Mr. Nolte (A.U.F.S.)

1. Seminar - May 28 (2½ hrs.)

Point Four and other development programs in Lebanon and the Middle East; their successes and failures.

2. Seminar - June 2 (2½ hrs.)

Population problems in the Middle East and possible solutions, with emphasis upon the religious, cultural, and psychological factors relating to population control.

VIII. BRAZIL -- Mr. Witt (A.U.F.S.)

1. Seminar - June 9 (2½ hrs.)

a. Introductory lecture. Significant trends in Brazil.

b. The structure of the Brazilian economy and the place of and need for development programs.

2. Seminar - June 11 (2½ hrs.)

a. Point Four in Brazil. A review of successes and failures.

b. Administrative problems in Brazil
