Middle East Technical University
Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences
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Econ 667, 2005-2006, Wednesdays 14.40-17.10 Room F-17
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OBJECTIVE: The main objective of the course is to develop and deepen student interest in development issues in general with emphasis on several selected issues and draw attention to the diversity of experience of individual countries in the global context. A related objective is to augment students’ ability for independent research through preparation of short papers and class presentations and discussion.

REQUIREMENTS: Students are required to read extensively for each session. (The main reading list for each session is provided below.) Students are also required to prepare three critical paper reviews, make class presentations, and take an active part in class discussion. Paper reviews should be sent electronically to the whole group by the Monday evening preceding the relevant session. All written work should be submitted to the instructor (hard copy) by Monday evening (by 6.00 P.M) preceding the relevant session. Finally, students are required to prepare one paper (approximately 6,000 words) comprising a brief critical literature review and empirical analysis for a selected country. (Comparative analysis between, say Turkey, and another country is encouraged). The papers will be presented to the whole group at the end of term.

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* (on Rapley and Chang and Grabel, only).

COURSE PLAN:

21 September 2005 Introduction

28 September 2005 Meeting with the instructor on an individual basis to finalize paper topics.

5 October 2005 Meeting to finalize the course schedule and preliminary discussion on paper topics- and the art of academic essay-writing.

24 October 2005 Last Day of Submitting the Outline/introduction of Paper

26 October 2005 Brief student presentations and class discussion on paper subjects.
31 October 2005 Midterm Examination  (Time: 5.30 P.M; Place: F-107)

1) J.Rapley *Understanding Development Theory and Practice in the Third World*, Lynne Rienner, Boulder Colorado, 2002. and


SESSIONS

9 November

**SESSION I  9 NOVEMBER 2005**


The World Bank: Washington D.C.

16 November 2005

**SESSION II :  16 November 2005**


**SESSION III :  23 November 2005  COUNTRY STUDIES ON POVERTY AND INCOME DISTRIBUTION**


30 November 2005

**SESSION IV : 30 November 2005**


7 December 2005

**SESSION V : 7 December 2005**


14 December 2005

**SESSION VI: 14 DECEMBER 2005**


21 December 2005

**SESSION VII: 21 December 2005**


Wednesday 18 January, 2006 Research Papers to be submitted by 7.00 P.M.

Friday, 20 January, 2006 9.30 Research Papers to be presented to the whole group

Good Luck for a successful term