

IS 215

Instructions for the Second Paper Assignment

Choose one of the following questions to answer in a 4-5 page double spaced **stapled** essay. I am looking for analytical or critical papers and not literature reviews or class lecture regurgitations. Must take a side in the essay (cannot sit on the fence). Take a stand and provide evidence to support your main point. Then provide counter arguments to your main points and then rebut them. Doing so, using the readings and class lectures, to substantiate your arguments will increase your probability of getting a high score. Remember do not assume that your argument or links are obvious and instead elaborate on them. Make sure to state clearly which question you are answering. The paper is due March 4, 2010 in class. **NO EXCEPTIONS. MUST EMAIL ME AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF PAPER AS WELL.**

Question 1:

Does Religion hinder, facilitate or has no affect whatsoever on development? Defend your answer (please note you can look at religion's impact on only one factor, i.e., political or social or economic or you can look at its impact on all three and make arguments that its impact is consistent across all three or different across all three).

Question 2:

Is land reform really a solution to third world problems or is it a recipe for disaster? Justify your answer by providing a clear argument as to what in development it impacts and how it impacts development (negatively or positively).

Question 3:

Do you buy the rising expectation argument for why we do not see revolutions in the third world on daily basis? Why or why not? Be clear about what it is in the theory you think is correct or what it is in the theory you think is incorrect and why?