

POL309: The State, Planning and Markets

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2025 Fall: Variety of Development Paths

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Lecture 9: Globalization

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Lecture 10: Comparative Perspectives of Development

- Film screening: [American Factory](#)

2026 Spring: Political Economy of Development (To Be Updated)