

THE POLITICS OF THE DEVELOPING AREAS

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Free for public and coffee break to be provided.

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The developing areas, also called the Third World, cover those countries that are less developed than the industrialized free-marked countries of the West and are concentrated in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Originally, they were called or called themselves the Third World to be distinguished from Western industrialized nations (the First World), and from the socialist countries of Eastern Europe belonging to the Soviet block (the Second World).

Third World countries have relatively undeveloped modern industrial sectors, mainly producers of primary commodities for the Western industrialized countries, and their population are poor and chiefly engaged in agriculture. Typically they experience high population growth and mortality rates; poor educational and health facilities; high level of underemployment and, in some cases, political instability. The Third World has almost 75% of the world population but consumes about 20% of its resources.

So far, the expression Third World is still used even though the Soviet Union and its allies (the Second World) no longer exist. Nevertheless, Third World is being increasingly substituted by developing areas, sometimes regardless of whether or not this actually refers to countries that are really developing or are still seemingly hopelessly stuck in underdevelopment.