**Annotated List of Discussion Books**

**For PIA 2501**

**Graham Greene, The Quiet American (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1973 or any edition). The classic book about Southeast Asia that predicted the U.S. involvement in and loss of the Vietnam war before it began.**

**Daniel Bergner, In the Land of Magic Soldiers: A Study of Black and White in West Africa (New York: Picador, 2004). A sad, graphic and grim look at the horrors of war in Sierra Leone.**

**Frantz Fanon, The Wretched of the Earth (New York: Grove Press, 1963). A Caribbean doctors look at dependency complex in LDCs and an discussion of the role that violence plays in the dynamics of north-south relationships.**

**James Fox, White Mischief (London: Penguin, 1982). The classic book, (later a film) about European life in Happy Valley Kenya during the colonial period and the absence of any sense of involvement by whites in the lives of the African majority.**

**Samuel P. Huntington, The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order (New York: Simon and Shuster, 1996). The controversial book which predicts religious a clash of values over religion and culture in a post-cold war world. Much attacked but very influential in thinking about “counter-terrorism.”**

**Stephen Kinzer, Overthrow: America’s Century of Regime Change from Hawaii to Iraq (New York: Times Books, 2006). Lots of governments overthrown (by the U.S.) in the last one hundred years. Includes a discussion as to why many believe that Hawaii is not a state and (by indirection) Obama should not be President.**

**Robert Klitgaard, Tropical Gangsters: One Man’s Experience with Development and Decadence in Deepest Africa (New York: Basic Books, 1990). Who are the gangsters: The tyrants who ruled Equatorial Guinea, the World Bank, the hapless consultants who work for donors? All or none of the above.**

**William J. Lederer and Eugene Burdick, The Ugly American (New York: Fawcett, 1958 or any edition). The book that stimulated the creation of the Peace Corps. The real ugly American was not according to this book.**

**James B. Mayfield, Go to the People: Releasing the Rural Por Through the People’s School System (West Hartford, CN: Kumarian Press, 1985). A classic about community development and education in China in the 1930s. Good on the ideas behind community based NGOs.**

**Albert Memmi, Colonizer, Colonized (New York: Orion Press, 1965). Why the colonized of the middle east and north Africa are angry and why European colonials lived overseas. Still resonates in 2009.**

**Jan Myrdal, Report from a Chinese Village (New York: Vintage, 1965). A classic book about rural village life in Mao’s China. Puts a human face on the revolution in China.**

**V.S. Naipaul, A Bend in the River (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1979 or any edition). The classic novel about Kleptocracy in central Africa. The big man, is former President Mobutu of Zaire, now the Congo (DRC). A sad, angry and satirical look at life in a small urban center in what is now Eastern Congo,**

**V.S. Naipaul, Among the Believers: An Islamic Journey (New York: Random House, 1982). Everything you wanted to know about South and Southeast Asia and the role of religion in political discourse.**

**Kurban Said, Ali and Nino (New York: Pocket Books, 1971). Cultures class (Christian and Muslim) in the Southern territories of the Soviet Union in the 1920s.**

**Deborah Scroggins,** **Emma's War: An Aid Worker, a Warlord, Radical Islam, and the Politics of Oil--A True Story of Love and Death in Sudan (New York: Pantheon Books, 2002). Southern Sudan as one English aid worker knew it. A controversial but stinging book about foreign aid work.**

**Khushwant Singh, Train to Pakistan (New York: Grove Press, 1981). The bloody merciless massacre that was the independence of India and Pakistan by one of India’s formost writers.**

**Paul Theroux, The Mosquito Coast: a novel (New York: Avon Books, 1986). Tinkering and small is beautiful technical assistance in Central America is a satirists dream.**

**Janine R. Wedel, Collision and Collusion: The Strange Case of Western Aid to Eastern Europe: 1989-1998 (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998). Scoundrels, academics and consultants in post-Soviet Eastern Europe and Russia. Who are the gangsters here?**

**Michela Wrong, In the Footsteps of Mr. Kurtz: Living on the Brink of Disaster in Mobutu’s Congo (New York: Harper Collins, 2000). The disaster that is post-conflict Africa and the wretched leadership, the donors and the private operatives that brought it on.**