

COURSE CONTENT

Course Code / Title : HS3015 Development and Social Change

Pre-requisites : HS1001 Person and Society
HS2001 Classical Social Theory
HS2002 Doing Social Research

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

This course will introduce you to key issues in development from comparative and historical perspectives, particularly in the context of present day globalization. For that, you will be exposed to the changing contours of international development and accompanying social changes across three historical periods: colonialism, the development era, and the current era of globalization. The course will provide a critical examination of some pressing questions: What are the historical roots of development and/or underdevelopment in the global North and South? What are the key political and economic processes which characterize the problems currently facing the global South? What are economic development and the globalization project? Why are debt, hunger, authoritarianism and political instability seemingly endemic to many parts of the world? How do international decisions affect local politics, and vice-versa? Who holds the power and makes decisions about the prospects of development, stability and democracy in the world? What are some of the competing visions of how the global South can be effectively transformed? How do the ideas and practices of globalization project inform North-South relations

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Explain the historical dynamics and diverse notions of international development and some central developmental issues such as poverty, hunger, refugee problems, food security, environmental problems, gender, labor, class relations etc.
2. Describe the key frameworks and contemporary debates on international development focusing on the North-South relations.
3. Evaluate the globalization project, its current practices and effects, various counter movements, future prospects and directions for international development.

Course Content

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Development and globalization: framing issues

Week 3: Instituting the development project

Week 4: The Development Project: International Relations

Week 5: Globalizing National Economy

Week 6: Demise of the Third World

Week 7: Instituting the Globalization Project

Week 8: Global agro-food systems

Week 9: The future of food

Week 10: The Globalization Project in Practice

Week 11: Global Development and Its Counter-movements

Week 12: Globalization and the Future of International Development

Week 13: Semester-end review/revision

Course Assessment

CA1 In-class quiz/test : 15%

CA2 Class participation : 10%

CA3 Class presentation : 10%

CA4 Essay : 25%

Final Examination : 40%

Total : **100%**