

Generic Elective 03
Rethinking Development

Objective:

This paper examines the ideas of development from a sociological perspective. It introduces students to different approaches to understanding development and traces the trajectory of Indian experience with development from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Outline:

1. Unpacking Development:
 - 1.1. Basic concepts: Growth and Development , Human development and Social Development
 - 1.2. Growth of the idea of development and underdevelopment.
 - 1.3. Meaning of development over time.
 - 1.4. Sociology of development: Meaning and Scope
2. Theorizing development:
 - 2.1. Modernization
 - 2.2. Dependency theory
 - 2.3. Environment and development.
 - 2.4. Gender and Development
 - 2.5. Development as Freedom
3. Development Regimes in India
 - 3.1. State and economic development in India: Colonial and Post colonial experience.
 - 3.2. Participatory Development in India: 73rd and 74th Amendment Act.
4. Issues in Developmental Praxis:
 - 4.1. Development and Displacement.
 - 4.2. Development and Empowerment

Course Contents and Itinerary

1. Unpacking Development (4 Weeks)

Bernstein, Henry. *Underdevelopment and Development*. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1973. Introduction: Development and the Social Sciences. Pp. 13 – 28.

Wolfgang, Sachs (ed.) *The Development Dictionary: A Guide to Knowledge and Power*. London: Zed Books. 1992. pp. 1-21.

Rist, Gilbert. *The History of Development*. London: Zed, 2008. Pp. 8 – 46

Ferguson, J. 2005. 'Anthropology and its Evil Twin; 'Development' in the Constitution of a Discipline', in M. Edelman and A. Haugerud (eds.) *The Anthropology of Development and Globalization*. Blackwell Publishing. pp 140-151.

2. Theorizing Development (5 Weeks)

2.1 Harrison, David. *The Sociology Of Modernization And Development*. London: Routledge, 1991. Chapters 1 &2. Pp. 1 – 54

Frank, Andre Gunder. 1966. 'The Development of Underdevelopment', *Monthly Review*. 18 (4) September 17-31

Redclift, Michael. 1984. *Development and the Environmental Crisis. Red or Green alternatives?* New York: Methuen & Co. Chapter 1 and 7, pp 5-19, 122-130

Visvanathan, Nalini, Lynn Duggan, Laura Nisonoff & Nan Wiegiersma (eds). 1997. *The Women, Gender and Development Reader*. Delhi: Zubaan, pp 33-54

Sanyal, Kalyan. 2007. *Rethinking Capitalist Development: Primitive Accumulation, Governmentality and Post-Colonial Capitalism*. New Delhi: Routledge, pp 168-189

Sen, A. 1999. *Development as Freedom*. New Delhi : Oxford University Press, pp. 3-11

3. Developmental Regimes in India (3 Weeks)

Bardhan, Pranab. *The Political Economy of Development In India*. Delhi: Oxford, 1992. Pp. 1-60

Chatterjee, Partha. Democracy and Economic Transformation in India, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 43, No. 16 (Apr. 19 - 25, 2008), pp. 53-62

4. Issues in Developmental Praxis (2 Weeks)

Scudder. T. 1996. 'Induced Impoverishment, Resistance and River Basin Development' in Christopher McDowell (ed.) *Understanding Impoverishment: The Consequences of Development Induced Displacement*. Oxford: Berghahn books. Pp. 49-78.

Sharma, Aradhana. *Logics of Empowerment: Development, Gender and Governance in Neoliberal India*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2008. Chapters. Introduction, Chapter 4 and Conclusion