

Ph.D. Course Work
Paper IV (Optional)
Course Title : Sociology of Development
Course Code : 10409

Course Objective

This course aims to provide a sociological understanding of development. In this context, this course attempts to engage critically with various sociological theories of development and underdevelopment. Further, it engages with the various contemporary issues and challenges of development with special reference to India. The critical sociological understanding of the theories and practices of development will help us to have nuanced engagement with various dimensions of development.

Unit 1: Introduction to the idea of development

Historical and contemporary meaning of development
Growth vs Development: Sociology of Development
Human Development: Amartya Sen, Mahbub Ul Haq, Martha Nussbaum
Social Development: James Midgley

Unit 2: Perspectives on Development

Liberal Perspective
Marxist Perspective
Ecological Perspective
Gandhian Perspective

Unit 3: Theories of Development and Underdevelopment

Modernisation theory: Daniel Bell, Daniel Lerner, WW Rostow
Dependency theory: Raul Prebisch, Fernando Cardoso, Andre Gunder Frank
World System theory: Fernand Braudal, Immanuel Wallerstein, John Wilfred Meyer

Unit 4: Critical Perspectives

Uneven development and Maldevelopment: Samir Amin, Gunnar Myrdal, David Harvey, Neil Smith
Alternative development: Endogenous Development, Sustainable Development
De-growth and Limits to growth
Post Development: Arturo Escobar, Majid Rahnema, Ivan Illich

Unit 5: Practice of development

India Development Experience: State and Society
Grass root Development: NGOs, Civil Society organizations, Social Capital
Gender and Development
Capitalism and Social Inequality

Suggested Readings

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