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Outline of Optional Course

LG 626 Politics of Development

The rationale of the course lies in the formulation that development is not apolitical. While the economic aspects of development are undoubtedly critical, the socio-political context of development is increasingly being recognised to be equally important. As development in many of its dimensions, is politics-driven, politics determines the choices made with regard to various options/ policies/ programmes for development, their implementation and outcomes. Besides, as the content of 'development' is being continuously re-defined and debated, the need for a rigorous analysis of these issues in the framework of governance is central to the course. The course will begin with an analysis of development as the leitmotif of analysis of national and international politics in the post-World War II era and examine the main theories of development. It would subsequently discuss the main issues in the international development experience, with a special focus on India.

- Invention of 'Development: Genealogy of Development Thought and Politics
Enlightenment, Rationality, Modernity and Development; modernization and its critiques; Development and Underdevelopment; Post-development; Sociology of Development; Development and Democracy; Alternative Development, Human and Sustainable Development
- Politics and International Development Experience
Development politics and role of donor agencies, international financial institutions and Global civil society and social movements; Eurocentricity, Import-substitution, corporatist state, predatory states and developmental state.
- State and Development
Role of State versus Market in development; Political Definitions and Social Choices; Paradigm of Social development versus economic development
- India's Politics of Development
Planned Development; Liberalisation and Privatisation; Roll-back of the State; Expanding domain of public policy and Governance; New actors in development
- Idiom of Development and Political Mobilisation: Development, Politics and Identity
Participation and development; political mobilisation around developmental issues in India; development and identity articulation; can development discourage identity articulation?
- Issues in Development Politics: Gender and Environment
Development, gender and environment inter-linkages; Development and environment in India; Gender-imbalances and development; Gender empowerment and development
- Politics, development and Civil Society Actors
Civil Society, Social Capital and development, 'De-politicised' development; Do civil society actors have and play a politically important role in development