

Wollo University
College of Social Science and Humanities
School of Governance

Course Outline

Program..... BA Degree in Political Science and International Relations

Course Title..... Politics of Development Dynamism in Ethiopia (PSIR3082)

Target Group.....2nd Year Political Science and International Relations Students

Semester II.....Year 2020 G.C

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Course Description

This course deals with politics and political economy of development and development dynamism in Ethiopia both from historical and institutional approaches since the commencement of modern Ethiopia. The course critically assesses and address the central questions of what, why, how, with what resources, and for whom development policies, strategies, and program in the country introduced and try to evaluate the performance, achievements, challenging problems, limitations, key gaps, and opportunities, as well as their successive end implications in light of change and continuities of the country. With this in mind, the course is structured to have the following five carefully selected chapters/units. In cognizance of this, the first chapter deals with an overview of the nature, foundations, and structure of the Ethiopian economy. Chapter two analyses the overall nature and aspects the formulation, implementation and evaluation of development policies, strategies, and program in Ethiopia during the period between 1941-1974. Chapter three examines the overall nature and aspects of formulation, processes and implementation of development policies, strategies, and program, under the Derg Regime with the Socialist development Project and its impacts and policy implications on Ethiopia between 1975-1990 in tune with analyzing and diagnosing the fundamental structural weaknesses. Chapter four discusses the nature, driving forces, propelling reasons and justifications, processes and basis of post-1991 development policies, strategies and programs in Ethiopia. Chapter five also deals with challenges and prospects of development in Ethiopia, Current development discourse: MDGs, GTP and SDG, developmental state approach, Success and challenges.

Course Objectives

After the successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand the major theoretical paradigms of development.
- Be familiar with terminologies and key concepts in the field of development practices and theories.
- Appreciate the historical and cultural beauty of Ethiopia in the framework of development
- Understand development dynamics in Ethiopian context.
- Critically reflect on the various development policies and strategies under the three consecutive regimes in Ethiopia
- Explain the main features, challenges and prospects socio-economic development in Ethiopia.
- Understand the auspices of global and national development projects/plans (MDG, SDG and GTPI/II)

Course Contents

Chapter One: Introduction to Development Dynamism in Ethiopia

- 1.1. Major paradigms of development and their relevance to the Ethiopian case
- 1.2. The Origin of the Quest for Modernization and Development in Ethiopia (1855-1930)
 - 1.2.1. Emperor Tewodros and Ethiopia's modernization
 - 1.2.2. Reign of Emperor Menilik Modernization and Education in Ethiopia

Chapter Two: Development Issues, Policies and Strategies During Hale Silassie I Regime

- 2.1. Modernization Projects of Hale Silassie from 1930-1941
- 2.2. Development planning Practices in Ethiopia
- 2.3. Agricultural development in the three successive five year plans
- 2.4. Industrial sector in the three successive five year plans
- 2.5. Other sectors and the three successive five year plans
- 2.6. Successes and Failures of the Development Projects of the Imperial Regime

Chapter Three: Development Issues, Policies and Strategies During the Derg Regime

- 3.1. Agricultural Development Issues and Strategies
- 3.2. The Land Reform program
- 3.3. State Farms and Agricultural Development
- 3.4. Collectivization Program and Cooperatives

- 3.5. Resettlement and Villagization Program
- 3.6. Other Agricultural Transformation Modalities
- 3.7. Industrial Development and other Sectoral Issues
- 3.8. Successes and Failures of the Development Projects of the Dergue Regime

Chapter Four: Development Issues, Policies and Strategies in Post-1991 Ethiopia

- 4.1. Defining Feature of Post 1991 Development Policies and Strategies
- 4.2. ADLI and Agricultural Development Issues and Strategies
- 4.3. Industrial and Urban development Policies Issues and Strategies
- 4.4. Survey of Some Selected Development Policies and Strategies

Chapter Five: The Way Forward

- 5.1. Challenges and Prospects of Development in Ethiopia
- 5.2. Current Development Discourse: MDGs & GTPI/II
- 5.3. Developmental State Approach: Success and Challenges
- 5.4. Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)
- 5.5. Abiyi Premiership and Development Reforms in Ethiopia

Assessment Methods

- Mid- exam (20%)
- Group Case report..... (20%)
- One group-based written assignment and presentation..... (20%)
- Final Exam (40%)

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