COURSE DETAIL

DEVELOPMENT, DEMOCRACY, AND GOVERNANCE
Country Sweden
Host Institution Uppsala University
Program(s) Uppsala University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science Development Studies
UCEAP Course Number 120
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title DEVELOPMENT, DEMOCRACY, AND GOVERNANCE
UCEAP Transcript Title DEVEL DEMOCRY & GOV
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

The course has three themes: introduction to the development discourse; aid and conditionality; and development in practice. In the first theme the book DEVELOPMENT AS FREEDOM by Amartya Sen and several articles introduce students to some of the most important problems and discussions about development. The relationship between development and democracy is studied. In theme two, development and democracy are analyzed in connection with aid based on William Easterly's book THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN and a number of articles. Within this theme there is a focus on aid policies, and the creation of democracy in development states and specifically on democracy in Africa. The last theme is development in practice; a section planned to study development through specific regional cases that allow us to understand some of the problems and possibilities it faces. It includes specific initiatives aimed to deal with the most pressing problems in the field while discussing the ways in which such challenges and programs can be further analyzed and theorized. The course consists of three themes that are derived from three connected dimensions of the relations between the exercise of state power and various identities and forms of organization in society in different regions in the global south: i) development, ii) democracy, iii) political identities. The first course theme addresses different perspectives on economic and social development and underdevelopment, with special attention paid to the role of the state in shaping these processes. The second theme discusses forms of political rule and introduces different explanations of democracy and authoritarian rule. The theme also discusses theories of how these forms of political rule are related to levels of development. The third theme discusses how different political identities are connected to the organization of political institutions. This theme pays special attention to the question of how national identities are linked to other political identities based on gender, class, ethnicity and religion, how identities affect and are affected by the organization of state institutions, and how this in turn is linked to issues of conflict and stability.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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