



SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT

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INTENDED AUDIENCE : UG and PG students of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sciences and Engineering

COURSE OUTLINE :

The objective of the course is to familiarize students with the current issues and debates concerning development. The concept of development, as historically conditioned, has had several connotations, starting from incessant preoccupation with economic growth during the years following independence to the current engagement with the human and social development with active inclusion of local communities in the process. The course attempts to understand the current practices of development by an analysis of the approaches, agencies and issues involved in it.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :

Prof. Sambit Mallick is Associate Professor of Sociology at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati. He specializes in the sociology of science and technology, and also includes historical sociology and philosophy of the social sciences among his research interests. His research and teaching are at the intersection of philosophy, social theory, and science and technology studies. His courses under NPTEL have attracted a large number of students even from the remote areas in India and abroad.

COURSE PLAN :

Week 1: Historical location of the idea of 'development'

Week 2: End of colonialism, rise of nationalism in the Third World and the desire for development

Week 3: Classical sociology and the notions of social change Ideas of evolution and progress

Week 4: Modernization theory – I

Week 5: Modernization theory – II

Week 6: Modernization theory – III

Week 7: Critiques of modernization theory

Week 8: Dependency theory – I

Week 9: Dependency theory – II

Week 10: Critiques of dependency theory

Week 11: Limits to growth thesis and post-development

Week 12: Globalization and development