

GPA 418 Development Policy

Pre requisites: None

Learning objectives:

This course seeks to introduce some of the key concepts used in the international development discourse. After tracing the history of global income disparities and poverty, this course aims to examine the role and effectiveness of different policy instruments which are used to overcome development related issues.

Learning outcomes:

After completing the course, students should be able to:

- Have knowledge and understanding of key topics associated with the development discourse.
- Understand the impact of income distribution and poverty on development
- Trace the role of foreign aid in a historical perspective
- Critically examine the politics of aid selectivity in development assistance
- Identify some of the tools and methods used for development assistance

Course Contents:

The evolution of development doctrine. Income distribution, and poverty. The role of government in economic development. Local and regional development. The role of foreign aid in a historical perspective. Types of aid instruments: technical assistance, programme assistance. Using aid to reduce poverty. Political economy of aid. Poverty reduction. Social protection. Integrating development and climate change policies.

Text books

1. Tarp, F. (2000). Foreign aid and development. In Foreign Aid and Development (pp. 18-27). Routledge.
2. Cornwall, A. (2007). Buzzwords and fuzzwords: deconstructing development discourse. Development in practice, 17(4-5), 471-484.

3. Hout, W. (2007). The politics of aid selectivity: Good governance criteria in World Bank, US and Dutch development assistance. Routledge.
4. Carbonnier, G. (Ed.). (2012). International development policy: Aid, emerging economies and global policies. Springer.