

Course Title: Trade vs. Aid: The Political Economy of Globalization

Course Code: DVST-805

Credit Hours: 3-0

Pre-requisite Courses: Previous coursework in micro and macroeconomics is recommended.

Course Description:

1. This course provides MS Development Studies students with an intensive instruction in how economic development and politics intersect in the modern world. Focusing in particular on international trade and aid, this course encourages critical re-evaluation of globalization as an ongoing economic process, and as an actively pursued political strategy. Paying due attention to the proliferation of neo-liberalism and democracy-oriented discourse, this course assesses the way in which the global economy presents unique challenges for so-called 'developmental states.' Why, for instance, have most East Asian and Latin American countries developed rapidly in recent decades, while most African states continue to experience crippling stagnation? Students of this course will learn how the institutional architecture of contemporary globalization (the IMF, the World Bank, and the WTO) shape the global political economy, as well as the new ways that South-South cooperation is now challenging this system.

2. **Course Objectives:**

- a. To study development from domestic and international political economy perspectives, focusing on two recurring themes: trade and aid.
- b. To underline the interdisciplinary nature of development studies by showing how political logics (power) increasingly interact with economic logics (profit) within national and international settings.
- c. To encourage students to understand the complexities of linking trade and/or aid with development objectives, both within Pakistan and beyond.

Course Outcomes:

3. At the end of this course, students should be able to,
 - a. confidently analyze a country or regions economic development in the context of national and international power dynamics;
 - b. demonstrate an awareness of how aid and trade policies emerged and continue to evolve in the modern political economic context;

- c. evaluate and discuss aid and trade policies from the perspectives of international organizations, national donors, and non-governmental organizations.

Course Contents:

4. Students of this course will be exposed to all major conceptual elements of political economy perspectives on development. In the context of the two central themes, trade and aid, this will include, but is not limited to, aid management practices and effectiveness frameworks, humanitarian action, philanthrocapitalism, south-south cooperation, neoliberalism and democracy, corruption, and the concept of capitalist developmental states.

5. **Lab work: None.**

6. **Textbooks or Reference Books:**

Amsden, A.H. (2007) *Escape From Empire: The Developing World's Journey Through Heaven and Hell*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Gereffi, G., and Wyman, D. (2014) *Manufacturing Miracles: Paths of Industrialization in East Asia and Latin America*. Princeton Legacy Library. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Frieden, J., and Lake, D. (2001) *International Political Economy: Perspectives of Global Power and Wealth*. New York, NY: W.W. Norton and Co.

Haggard, S. (1990) *Pathways from the Periphery: The Politics of Growth in Newly Industrializing Countries*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

Leys, C. (1996) *The Rise and Fall of Development Theory*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.

Oatley, T. (2013) *International Political Economy: Interests and Institutions in the Global Economy*. London, UK: Routledge

Peet, R. (2009) *Unholy Trinity: The IMF, the World Bank, and the WTO*. London, UK: Zed Books.

Perkins, D., Radelet, S., and Lindauer, D. (2006) *Economics of Development*. 6th Ed. New York, NY: W.W. Norton and Co.

Pollack, R. (Producer and Director). (2012) *The Trouble with Aid*. Documentary. United Kingdom: BBC 4.

Woo-Cumings, M. (1999) *The Developmental State*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.