

# Development Policy - Concepts, Experience, and Challenges for the Future

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This course will present a broad overview on key issues and debates in development policy. To this end, the origins and historical context of the main economic and political ideas and concepts in development will be critically examined. Rather than providing a „blueprint“ of an appropriate mix of strategies, the course is intended to highlight the complexities of the debate and give students a basic understanding of the economic and political concepts driving the development agenda today. Throughout the course, short case studies will be used to examine the implications of the main theories in a country specific context, to illustrate implementation challenges, and to evaluate their potential contribution to fostering development.

## Contact:

We can be reached by email. Telephone/Skype sessions can be arranged to discuss presentations and paper topics in more detail.

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In order to facilitate email communication with all course participants and share documents we will establish a yahoo group email list.

## Course Requirements

- Active participation in class discussions is expected. The course will be led based on the assumption that students are prepared, i.e. have read and thought about the required readings. While we will not assign formal referees for the discussion we expect all participants to be able to comment on presentations based on the assigned materials.
- One concise fifteen-minute verbal presentation in class. The general structure of each presentation needs to be discussed in advance with us. We also encourage participants to co-lead and moderate the discussion following their presentation. A handout is not required, and, if provided, should not exceed a single page of bullet points.
- A final paper with 12-15 pages single-spaced pages in length (excluding bibliography) is required. The paper should either analyze in more detail an aspect of the topic presented in class, or cover another issue we dealt with in class/ related to the course. Each paper should have a clearly stated thesis or research question and elaborate on the policy implications of the main argument.

## Registration

All interested students are invited to send an email to [erik.uexkull@web.de](mailto:erik.uexkull@web.de) in order to be included in the yahoo group and receive additional information on the seminar (non-binding). The final registration for the seminar and assignment of topics will take place at the beginning of the summer term in mid-April 2010.

**Assigned literature**

We will prepare a reader providing all the assigned literature that is not available online. The reader will be made available in one of the copy shops close to the TU at the beginning of the summer term. We will also prepare a list with suggested reading material, which is mainly for the presenters in each session. The list and any other additional information on background material will be circulated through the yahoo list server. However, locating and accessing the relevant suggested reading material remains the responsibility of the presenters and should be undertaken well in advance as not all of it is available in the SLUB.