

BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE (BITS) PILANI
K. K. Birla Campus, GOA
INSTRUCTION DIVISION
FIRST SEMESTER 2014-2015

NOTE: The instructor reserves the right to correct and suitably amend any inaccuracies in the content of this course.

Course Title: Introduction to Development Studies

Course No: HSS F232

Lecture hrs: 12.00-12.50 pm (A-508)

Instructor: Pushkar

Office hrs: TBA (A-419)

Course Description and Objectives:

This course introduces students to the history, meanings and theories of development; examines how these theories have been applied to different countries and to different aspects of 'development' and, in doing so, discusses and evaluates India's development record in comparison to other developing countries. The objective is to familiarize students with the conceptual, theoretical and empirical tools to understand and appreciate the multifaceted aspects of development, to question received wisdom, and perhaps contribute in small ways to building a more humane society.

Text Book (TB):

*Rapley, John. 2009. *Understanding Development: Theory and Practice in the Third World* (3rd Edition). Viva Books.

Other readings (required): A set of other required readings, mostly online sources (such as newspaper articles, op-eds, reports, journal articles and others) are/will be posted/provided over the course of the semester.

Evaluation scheme:

Component	Duration	Assigned marks	Time & Date
Test 1	1 hr	20	14/09/14 12.00-1.00 pm
Test 2	1 hr	20	19/10/14 12.00-1.00 pm
Oral assessment	Approx 5-7 mins per student	20	To be assigned
Comprehensive exam	2/3 hrs	40	10/12/14 9.00 am-12.00 noon

Make-up policy: Make-up will be granted only under exceptional conditions (illness, death in the family) and on submission of relevant documentation.

Course Plan

Lectures - 40	Topic/Theme	Readings
2	Introduction	TB-pp.1-13.
2	What is development? The 2 W's - Wealth and welfare	TBA
2	A brief history of development	TBA
2	Smith, Marx, Liszt	TB-pp. 13-33.
2	Keynes, Prebisch, Friedman	TB-pp. 13-33.
2	ISI	TB-pp. 35-58.
2	Neoliberalism	TB-pp. 63-119; 135-49.
2	State and market in development	TB-pp. 155-77.
Assigned readings for the section below will be posted on moodle		
2	India's development challenges - Introduction	
2	Democracy and development	
2	Economic growth	
2	Poverty and inequality	
1	Health	
1	Education	
1	Gender	
1	Ethnic relations	
1	Environment	
1	India and China	
1	Have we made progress? How much? How little?	TB-205-26.
6	Oral assessment etc	NA
3	Revision - Test 1; Test 2; comprehensive exam	

TOTAL - 40 lectures/contact hours