

DEVELOPMENT & UNDERDEVELOPMENT

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HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

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With a focus on underdevelopment in the Global South, we will explore the economic, political, and cultural underpinnings of development theory. As core themes, we will critically examine the following: modernization through industrialization, changes in agrarian systems, indigenous displacement for minerals, urbanization for the elite, the role of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in globalization, and more. Importantly, we will also study movements challenging global capital that provide us with alternative imaginations of development.

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