

Provides a critical and historical survey of theories about economic development, comparative economic systems, and international economics. Introduces a different approach to the economics of the world economy, national development, and comparative systems. Surveys pre-World War II views on these topics from the perspectives of mercantilism and physiocracy, the classical school of economics, Marxian political economy, neoclassical economics, the "historical school" and institutionalism, and Keynesian economics. Addresses the economics of world economy, national development, and economic systems after the World War II, tracing the rise and evolution of development economics as a special field of study and surveying conventional theories of national development, economic "backwardness," and systems as stages of growth; the post-Keynesian reformist school; new-left and neo-Marxist views on the world economy, uneven development, and economic systems; the monetarist counterrevolution against the Keynesian revolution in economics; orthodox counterrevolutions in development economics; and the economics of comparative systems. Considers whether a constructive eclecticism is possible. Volume 2 outlines the author's own views on topics of development, comparative economic systems, and international economics; considers the prospects of development on national and world levels; and points to new challenges and opportunities at the beginning of the twenty-first century. Szentes is a member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Glossary; no index.