

SYLLABUS

Name of the course:	Political Economy of Development			
Teacher:	Dr Jérôme Lange			
University / organisation:	University of the Witwatersrand			
Language of teaching:	English			
ECTS:	10			
Semester (S1, S2, S3 or S4):	<input type="checkbox"/> S1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S2	S3	S4
Teaching method(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture courses		Flipped classroom	
	Other:	Seminar		
Type(s) of evaluation¹:	Sitting exam		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written report	
	Oral defence		<input type="checkbox"/> Group project	
	Other / comments:	Essay Assignment 1: 30% Essay Assignment 2: 30% Final Exam: 40%		
Expected deadline(s) for the evaluation(s)	Continuous throughout semester			
Expected date of final results:	End of Semester (July)			
Summary of the content:	<p>The course focuses on different approaches to economic growth and their implications for conceptions of development and underdevelopment, the nature of poverty and the role of the state in the development process. The syllabus is designed to provide an overview of the elements of theory and policy that are especially relevant to the study and practice of development. The first half of the course covers essential theoretical and historical elements in economic thinking about development through the examination of different theoretical approaches and the policy outcomes which follow. The second half of the course focuses upon specific issues currently debated in the political economy of development using examples and drawing on contributions from Africa, but also other parts of the world. Issues covered include the role of the state, agriculture and land reform, gender and labour markets.</p>			
Indicative list of lectures:	<p>Perspectives on Growth and Development Modernisation and Dependency The Washington and Post-Washington Consensus Marxism and Development Theories of capitalist development as applied to S. Africa Institutions, Social Orders and Development</p>			

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	<p>Social Policy and Development The Role of the State in Development Labour Markets, Poverty and Development Agriculture, Development and the Issue of Land Reform Gender and Development</p>
<p>Short bibliography:</p>	<p>Bayliss, K., Fine, B. and Van Waeyenberge, E. [eds.] (2011) <i>The Political Economy of Development: The World Bank, Neoliberalism and Development Research</i>, London: Pluto Press.</p> <p>Chang H. J. [ed] (2003) <i>Rethinking Development Economics</i>, London: Anthem Press.</p> <p>Hunt, D. (1989) <i>Economic Theories of Development: An Analysis of Competing Paradigms</i>, London: Harvester Wheatsheaf.</p> <p>Jomo, K.S. (ed.) (2005) <i>Pioneers of Development: Great Economists on Development</i>. London: Zed.</p> <p>Jomo, K.S and B. Fine (eds.) (2006) <i>The New Development Economics: After the Washington Consensus</i>, London: Zed.</p> <p>Leys. C. (1996) <i>The Rise & Fall of Development Theory</i>, Oxford: James Currey.</p> <p>Reinert, E. (2007) <i>How Rich Countries Got Rich ... and Why Poor Countries Stay Poor</i>, London: Constable.</p> <p>Reinert, E., Ghosh, J. & R. Kattel (2016) <i>Handbook of Alternative Theories of Economic Development</i>, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar</p>