

Democracy and Development A | POU33051

Year	Junior Sophister
ECTS Credits	5
Contact Hours	20 hours of lectures and 5 hours of tutorials
Pre-requisite	Nil
Semester	1
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Module Outline

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this module students should be able to:

- Understand the relationship between political institutions and economic development
- Debate which institutions matter most for development: states, nations or regimes
- Evaluate the historical evolution of democracy and nation states in the west
- Compare Western experiences of political and economic development with those of developing countries today

Module Learning Aims:

By the end of this module, students will be familiar with the major debates about how different institutions matter for development.

Module Content:

In this module we will address the question of how political institutions affect economic development. We will examine three core sets of institutions – state, nation and regime – examining their character and development in both historical and contemporary perspective. We will look at how democratic nation states emerged in the West, comparing this to the experiences of contemporary developing countries. We will consider the major theories on how these institutions impact on development and what empirical evidence we have about this relationship.

Assessment

Attendance at tutorials and response papers – 5%

Mid-term Essay – 35%

Final Essay – 60%

Recommended Reading List

Tilly, Charles. 1992. *Coercion, Capital and European States AD 990-1992*. Blackwell Publishing.

Fukuyama, Francis. 2011. *The Origins of Political Order: From Prehuman Times to the French Revolution*. Macmillan.

Walle, Nicolas van de. 2001. *African Economies and the Politics of Permanent Crisis, 1979-1999*. Cambridge University Press.

Herbst, Jeffrey. 2000. *States and Power in Africa*. Princeton University Press.