

### Politics of Development

**Development** A political process creating winners and losers while requiring cooperation among powerful competing interests and coalitions.

**Economic geography** The geographic distribution of economic activities such as production and employment

**Employment** The most politically relevant aspect of economic geography

Opportunities are often distributed unevenly across space; both within and across countries.

Inequalities exist in the opportunities for and remuneration of workers with different skill sets.

### Political Context in Development

Its coverage is **extraordinarily broad** and in key ways **binding** Much of daily life and opportunity is determined by the political context via its structures, policies, and operations.

It includes governmental systems and structures and their responsibilities in providing key services

Provides **impetus, motive, and opportunity for individuals to actively engage in the context** Much of who we feel we are is reflected in the systems and practices of our governing; and if it is not, we often engage through various forms of activism to assure that it is.

The values that the political structures and actors endorse and enact The currency of the political context is **control or regulation** of access, opportunity, freedoms, rights, self-determination, and self-expression.

The way governing bodies approach this control has unavoidable and often determinative impact on the day to day wellbeing of individuals.

### Political Factors and Development

**Regime Type** A form or system of government; refers to the norms and rules regarding individual freedom and collective equality. Influences the policies that affect personal and public economic development.

**Political Stability/Instability** Refers to the reliability and durability of a government's structures. **The more stable a political system is, the less risk a business operating in that country will face.**

Nations where there is a high risk of terrorism or internal conflicts are less stable. Less stable systems are less likely to see an increase in economic development because they are risky to operate in.

**Political Management** Governments need to do lots of things to encourage development—they need to build and maintain infrastructure, and raise and spend finance wisely, on the right projects.

**Level of Corruption** Identifies the level of dishonest, unethical, and illegal practices that are imposed on people and business operating in a region.

Corruption can include bribing politicians, local companies for materials, or paying to prevent competitors from entering the market; causing a monopoly that makes services overly expensive.

**Trade Laws** These are local and international policies that impact the importation or exportation of goods.



### Rostow's (1962) Five Stages of Growth

<b>STAGE 1: Traditional Societies</b>	Economies are dominated by subsistence farming.  Societies have little wealth to invest and <b>limited access</b> to modern industry and technology.  Contains cultural barriers to development
<b>STAGE 2: The Preconditions for Take Off</b>	Western aid packages brings western values, practices and expertise into the society.
Forms of Western Aid Packages	<b>Science and Technology</b> ; to improve agriculture.  <b>Infrastructure</b> ; improving roads and cities  <b>Industry</b> ; western companies establishing factories
<b>STAGE 3: Take Off</b>	Society experiences economic growth as new modern practices become the norm.  Profits are reinvested in infrastructures and new entrepreneurial class emerges and urbanized that is willing to invest further and take risks  Begins to export goods.
<b>STAGE 4: The Drive to Maturity</b>	More economic growth and investment in education, media, and birth control.  The population start to realize new opportunities opening up and strive to make the most of their lives.
<b>STAGE 5: The Age of High Mass Consumption</b>	Economic growth and production are at Western level of development.

### Historical Development

Primitive Society	Earliest and historically numerous of economic systems which tradition serves as the <b>central means of bestowing order</b> .
The Creation of a Central Apparatus of Command and Rulership	Origin of the second of the great systems of social coordination; from ancient clusters of population impressive civilizations emerged in Egypt, China, and India during the 3rd millennium BCE, <b>bringing with them dazzling advances in culture and potent instrument of state power as a new moving force in history</b> .
European Colonial	Spanish Colonies; characterized by sizeable indigenous populations and large reserves of gold and silver, <b>forced labor was instituted</b> .  Use of slavery and forced labor resulted in <b>economic and political inequality</b> , which inhibited long-term economic development.

### Development and Health

Health	The absence of illnesses  The ability of people to develop to their potential during their entire lives.  An asset individuals possess, which has intrinsic value— <i>being healthy is a very important source of wellbeing</i>
Instrumental Terms of Health	Impacts economic growth. It reduces production losses due to worker illness.  Increases the productivity of adult as a result of better nutrition



### Development and Health (cont)

Lowers absenteeism rates and improves learning among school children.

**Health and Economic Growth** Affects it directly through **labor productivity and the economic burden of illnesses.**

Impacts indirectly since aspects such as child health affect **the future income of people through the impact of health has on education.**

### Theories of Development

**Origin** Stimulated by the situation in the mid 20th century when decolonization occurred and the economic disparity between European and underdevelopment nations became obvious.

**Modernization Theory** A systematic process to move underdeveloped countries to a more sophisticated level of development.

Explains inequality within or between states by identifying different values, systems, and ideas.

Stresses the importance of political development in the progress and climactic improvement of nations' economic standing and acknowledges social and cultural reforms

**Emergence of Modernization Theory** The freedom of the Third World countries from colonization and the strategies employed during the Cold War by Western countries in order to prevent these countries from being controlled by communists.

### Theories of Development (cont)

Have a higher capacity to deal with the function of **national identity, legitimacy, penetration, participation, and distribution.**

**Dependence Theory** Approach to understanding economic underdevelopment; Emphasizes the presumed constraints imposed by the global political and economic order.

Underdevelopment is mainly caused by the peripheral position of affected countries in the world economy

**The system of capitalistic world causes labor upheaval that damages domestic economies of underdeveloped countries.** It diminishes the economic growth rate and ends in the increased inequality of income thus creating a gap between major and minor countries.

**Origin of Dependence Theory** First proposed in the late 1950s by the Argentine economist and statesman **Raul Prebisch**, and gained prominence in the 60s and 70s.

**World Systems Theory** Deals with different forms of capitalism world- wide; takes a world- centric view and focuses on the relationship between countries.

Explains inequality by identifying different cultures and the role of the state in international connections.

**Wallerstein's (1979) World Systems Theory** WST is a **multiple cultural system with a division of labor.**



### Theories of Development (cont)

Poor labor in which different divisions are areas are **dependent upon each other in exchanging the provisions of those areas.**

**Global-ization Theory** Uses a global mechanism of greater integration with particular emphasis on the sphere of economic transactions.

**A US and Europe -centric positive model of development** whose feature is the **spread of capitalism around the globe.**

**Focus of Global-ization Theory** Communications and international ties; these are directed at cultural and economic factors in communication systems.

### Globalization: Factors in Global Connection

**Culture** Cultural element that stresses the social and economic situation of the nation

**Communication** Progress of technology and communication has opened up opportunities for local businesses allowing all kinds of economic relations

**Unity** Development of sophisticated systems of communication and globalized technologies thus making nations unified.

Can have 2 viewpoints of the outcomes of being unified: **external conditions and outward system** and the **internal or domestic situation of every country within.**

**Internal or domestic situation of every country within** The units of analysis lead to the country's variables of economic growth or social indicators.

### Modernization: Types of Assistance

**Education (Hoselitz)** It speeds up the introduction of Western values such as **universalism, individualism, competition, and achievement** measured by examinations.

**Media (Inkeles)** Important to diffuse ideas; non-traditional such as family planning and democracy.

**Urbanization (Hoselitz)** The theory is that if populations are packed more closely together, new ideas are more likely to spread than amongst diffuse rural populations.

### Slavery

**Slavery** A condition in which **one human being was owned by another.**

A form of dependent labor performed by a non-family member.

**Slave** Considered by law as property or chattel.

Deprived of most of the rights ordinarily held by free persons.

**Generation of Slaves** Captures in war, either by design, as a form of incentive to warriors, as an accidental by-product or as a way of disposing of enemy troops or civilians.

**Basic Types** **Household** (patriarchal or domestic slavery), **Temple** (state and military slavery)

### Colonization and Development

**Coloni-alism** It is more than the plundering of a military and economically weaker culture by a more powerful nation.

Often resulted in severe demographic crises.

**History of Coloni-alism** Plays a pivotal role in determining a nation's disposition toward economic and social change.

Countries are *not necessarily* condemned mechanistically to repeat the processes and behavioral patterns established in the past.



### Health and State of Development

The relationship between the health of a population and the state of development of a society is complex and varies over time.

Improved One of the main benefits of development.

Health

Results partly from an **increase in income** and partly from **scientific progress in the fight against disease and disability**.

Health can be **considered part of a society's capital stock**, as long as the essential differences between this type of capital and physical capital are recognized.



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