

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

Development theories 751 (GSO 751)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	20.00
Programmes	BSocSciHons Development Studies
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 other contact session per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Anthropology and Archaeology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Changing attitudes towards change and social inequality at different times and places. The concept "development" in the natural sciences and humanities. Key concepts in development theory: capitalism, socialism, colonialism, neocolonialism. Changing theories of development: linear states theory, neo-classical structural change model, modernisation theory, dependency theory and postmodernist challenges. Contemporary debates regarding the utilisation of scientific knowledge: predicting and inducing change, ethical considerations and multidisciplinary cooperation in development. Relationship between theory and practice and between community development and related fields of specialisation.

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