# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

# Development theories 751 (GSO 751)

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| **Qualification** | Postgraduate |
| **Faculty** | Faculty of Humanities |
| **Module credits** | 20.00 |
| **NQF Level** | 08 |
| **Programmes** | BSocSciHons Development Studies |
| **Prerequisites** | No prerequisites. |
| **Contact time** | 1 other contact session per week, 2 lectures per week |
| **Language of tuition** | Module is presented in English |
| **Department** | Anthropology, Archaeology and Development Studies |
| **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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