Description: Economic Development and Politics

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STAFFING
Examiner: John Searle
Moderator: Richard Temple-Smith

RATIONALE
The nature and pace of economic development are keys to current and expected living standards in both domestic and world economies. Economic development is the result of the economic policy mix adopted by a country in the context of its political and institutional framework and geo-political relations. Students of business, government and the wider economy need an understanding of the history of world economic development, economic theories of growth and development and the political economy of development.

SYNOPSIS
This unit course focuses on exploring economic and political theory that can be used to interpret economic growth and development experiences and to inform the choice, implementation and assessment of development policies. The experience of selected world economic and political systems is explored to provide a context for drawing conclusions about the success or otherwise of different policy settings, political systems and institutional arrangements. Particular emphasis is placed upon globalisation, global institutions, income and wealth distribution and the link between economics and politics in economic development. Students may choose to do case studies on particular countries.

OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- articulate and critically appraise the concept of economic development;
- interpret the economic development experience of selected countries and critically examine the outcomes of that experience;
• comprehend the nature, operation and importance of political and institutional frameworks for the design, implementation and success of economic development policy;
• explain economic development experience in terms of economic and political theories of national and world development;
• explore world development futures.

TOPICS

Description                                                                 Weighting (%)
1. Introduction: concepts and contexts                                     8.00
2. The economics of growth and development: theory and reality            16.00
3. The politics of development: theory and reality                         16.00
4. Political-economic systems: structures and histories                    25.00
5. Case studies: successes, crises and failures in economic development    25.00
6. Developments in political economy                                      10.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:
Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au by entering the author or title of the text.


REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

The Economist
Any major national newspaper (relevant to the country of your interest).
Plus other references provided in class.
STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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NOTES:

3. You will be notified of the official examination date when the scheduling is finalised.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. It is strongly recommended that students do not enrol in this course until they have completed at least four undergraduate courses.

2. To be assured of a passing grade in this unit, students will be required to obtain at least 50% for assignments in aggregate and at least 50% in the final examination and at least 50% overall.

3. Final higher grades for the unit will be determined by the addition of the marks obtained in each assessment item, weighted as in the Assessment Details. To be assured of a B grade students will be required to obtain an overall mark of 65%. To be assured of an A grade students will be required to obtain an overall mark of 75%. To be assured of a HD grade students will be required to obtain an overall mark of 85%.

4. The due date of an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the University, and is normally that defined in the relevant course specification. The onus is on the student to provide, if requested, proof of date of despatch.

5. Students should organise their affairs to ensure that they meet due dates for all assignments. Extensions will be granted only under exceptional extenuating circumstances, normally involving a significant medical condition.

6. Students may apply for an assignment extension either by application through DEC before the due date or by including application with the submitted assignment after the due date. Such applications should be in writing and include supporting documentary evidence. The authority for granting extensions rests with the relevant Examiner.
All assignments despatched after due dates without appropriate extension approvals or after approved extension dates will be penalised up to a maximum of 20% of the assigned mark per work day.

Students must retain a copy of all assignments which must be provided if/when required by the Examiner.

Course weightings of topics should not be interpreted as applying to the number of marks allocated to questions testing those topics in an examination paper.

Other courses recommended: ECO2001; ECO2000.