

<b>Course title:</b> Development and Developing Countries	<b>Course No:</b> KSG/DEVCO	<b>Semester:</b> Summer
<b>Course type:</b> Lecture and Seminar	<b>Hours/Week:</b> 2	<b>Number of credits:</b> 6
<b>Recommended for:</b> Bachelor and Master level students		

**Lecturer (Academics):**

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**Status of the course in the study program:**

Voluntary in all programmes

**Course description:**

Nowadays, the development of developing countries stands high on the political agenda. This course introduces various elements, which are essential for an in-depth understanding of the issue. The first part of the course deals with the basic concepts how to understand the term development, and simultaneously with the most relevant theories which explain the current differences in the development level of particular countries. The second part of the course is focused on the most relevant strategies how to shape the development of developing countries – international trade, foreign direct investments, official development assistance, sound macroeconomic policies, and some developmental aspects of migration. The third part of the course illustrates the findings from the preceding parts on several examples. The three parts of the course are closely inter-related and together they create a complete mosaic of the development problem of developing countries.

**Aims and objectives of the course:**

The aims of the course may be summarized as follows:

- To acquire an in-depth understanding of the development problems of developing countries
- To recognize the most relevant strategies how to shape the development of developing countries
- To explain the current differences in the development level of particular developing regions
- To improve the mastery in English, presentation, logical argumentation, team-work, and other skills

**Teaching method:**

Lectures and seminars

**Prerequisite:**

No

**Teaching aids & literature:**

DICKEN, P. *Global shift. Reshaping the global economic map in the 21.st century*. New York: Guilford Press, 2003, selected chapters.

KAMBHAMPATI, U., S. *Development and the Developing world*. Cambridge: Polity Press, 2004, 312 pp.

MARTINUSSEN, J. *Society, State & Market: A guide to competing theories of development*. London: Zed Books, 1997, selected chapters.

NAFZIGER, E. W. *Economic development*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006, selected chapters.

**Examination method:**

A combination of seminal works, presentation and an active participation in seminars

**Requirements for examination:**

- Four short seminal works (2 pages) based on a predefined problem related to the development of developing countries (40 %)
- Four short presentations (up to 10 minutes) of the seminal works (40 %)
- An active participation in seminars (20 %)

You can expect the final evaluation (grades) according to the following scale:

- 50 % - 65 %.....3 (D)
- 66 % - 84 %.....2 (B, C)
- 85 % and more.....1 (A)

**Registration for examination:**

Electronic registration