REVISED COURSE SYLLABUS BY JOHN SELE PHILIP, SEPTEMBER 2024

UNIT TITLE: GOVERNANCE AND POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT

UNIT CODE: BDS 411

UNIT HOURS: 3 HOURS

PRE-REQUISITE: NONE

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COURSE PURPOSE

To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the intersection between governance, politics, and socio-economic development from secular and Christian perspectives. The course will explore the impact of local and global politics on nation-building, critically examine various political ideologies, and highlight God's plan for making a nation prosperous through just governance and ethical leadership.

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Define the terms empowerment, governance, and politics in both secular and theological contexts.

2. Examine the relationship between politics, governance, and development from a Christian worldview.

3. Identify and analyze the impact of national and global politics on socio-economic development.

4. Discuss various political ideologies and their influence on development, with a focus on Judeo-Christian traditions.

5. Make informed choices and decisions in development planning, considering ethical principles and political trends.

COURSE CONTENT

1. **Introduction to Governance, Politics, and Development**

   o   Definition and concepts of empowerment, politics, and governance

   o   The interrelation between governance and development

2. **Christian Perspective on Governance and Politics**

   o   Theological worldview on politics

   o   Christian ethics and political engagement

   o   God's restorative agenda in governance and socio-economic development

3. **Power Dynamics in Society**

   o   Different sources of power

   o   Power and empowerment in social contexts

   o   Gender dynamics in politics and development

4. **Political Systems and Ideologies**

   o   Overview of political systems (democracy, autocracy, etc.)

   o   Political ideologies and their impact on development

   o   Global capitalism and state governance

5. **Nationalism, Ethnicity, and State Building**

   o   The role of nationalism and ethnicity in politics

   o   State formation and constitutional dispensations

6. **Civil Society, NGOs, and Governance**

- o Role of civil society movements and NGOs in political development

- o Social capital and collective action

7. **Human Rights and Development**

   - o Human rights approaches to development

   - o The intersection of politics and human rights

8. **Political Economy and Development**

   - o Political dimensions of economic development

   - o Alternative development models and their political implications

9. **Globalisation and Its Impact on Development**

   - o The role of globalisation in shaping national policies

   - o Dependency theory and political economy

10. **Democracy and Political Transitions**

    - o Democracy in the Third World

    - o The role of the global community in democratisation

11. **Humanitarian Issues in Political Contexts**

    - o Human trafficking, refugee dilemmas, and global responses

    - o Political implications of humanitarian crises

12. **African Political Development and Resource Management**

    - o Review of African political development

    - o How Africa's resource heritage was plundered

    - o Strategies for sustainable political and economic governance

Modes of Delivery:

Problem-solving, Class interaction, Lecture, Case study, Presentations, Guest Speakers (Reflective practitioners on the field), e-learning option.

Instructional Materials/Equipment:

PowerPoint, video presentations, ICT.

Textbooks:

1. Miller, Darrow L. (1998). *Discipling Nations: The Power of Truth to Transform Cultures.* YWAM, WA.

2. Rajaee, F. (2000). *Globalisation on Trial: The Human Condition and the Information Civilisation.* International Development Research Centre, Kumarian Press Inc., USA.

3. Basiago, A. (1995). *Sustainable Development. Vol. 3, 109-119.* John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. And ERP Environment. UK.

4. Beaudoux, E. (1992). *Supporting Community Development Action from Identification to Evaluation.* MacMillan.

5. Bergdall, T.D. (1993). *Methods for Active Participation: Experiences in Rural Development from East and Central Africa.* Nairobi: Oxford University Press.

6. Bergdall, T.D. (1994). *Facilitators Handbook for Promoting Rural Participation.* MAP Consultants LTD.

7. Carlsson, I. (1987). *Towards Sustainable Development.* The Panons Institute.

8. Chambers, R. (1983). *Rural Development: Putting the Last First.* Pearson, UK: Prentice Hall.

9. Chambers, R. (1993). *Challenging the Professions: Frontiers for Rural Development.* I T Publications.

10. Chambers, R. (1997). *Whose Reality Counts?: Putting the First Last.* Intermediate Technology Publications, The Bath Press, Bath.

11. Chitere, Preston Orieko (1999). *Community Development: Its Conceptions and Practice with Emphasis on Africa.* Nairobi: Gideon S. Were Press.

12. Holdcroft, L. A. (1978). *The Rise and Fall of Community Development in Developing Countries, 1950-1965: A Critical Analysis and an Annotated Bibliography.* East Lansing: Michigan State University Press.

13. Hope, H. and Timmel, S. (2000). *Training for Transformation: A Handbook for Community Workers (I-IV).* Revised Edition. Mambo Press, Gweru.

14. Mulwa, F. W. (2010). *Demystifying Participatory Community Development: Beginning From the People, Ending at the People.* Paulines Publications, Nairobi.

15. Rubin, H. J. and I. S. Rubin (2007). *Community Organising and Development.* Allyn & Bacon, 4th Edition.

16. Scoones, I., and Thompson J. (1994). *Beyond Farmers First: Rural People's Knowledge, Agricultural Research, and Extension Practice.* IT Publications, London.

17. Todaro, M.P. (2000). *Economic Development in the Third World.* Seventh Edition. University of New York.

18. Waller, D. (2002). *Globalisation and ACORD: Background to Discussions about ACORD's Future Programming.* (Unpublished internal paper for ACORD in preparation for their Pan-African Workshop held in Kenya from 10th to 18th May 2002).

19. World Bank. (2002). *Globalisation, Growth, and Poverty: A World Bank Policy Research Report.* Oxford University Press, Washington D.C.

This revised syllabus by John Sele Philip ensures a coherent flow of topics that builds upon foundational concepts and gradually introduces more complex ideas, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of governance and politics in development studies.