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Rif. MD/Mcs

Corso di insegnamento “Development and Labour Economics –

Mod. A: Development Economics - History and theories”

Corso di Laurea Magistrale in SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL RESEARCH

A. A 2017-2018 – docente titolare: prof. Vitantonio GIOIA

Semestre II

Crediti 6

### 1) [Presentazione e obiettivi del corso](#)

#### **Objectives**

The course aims to highlight the problems of economic development, focusing on the social effects of growth.

In the first part, we will highlight the category of economic development and its meaning in classical and Marxian economics. Subsequently, growth theories and neoclassical approaches build another explanatory system and new interpretative patterns. Keynesian and post-keynesian economics will complete the short historical reconstruction of the debates on the economics of development.

In the second part, we will consider the effectiveness of the different interpretative models applied to underdeveloped countries after the birth of the Economics of Development as an autonomous discipline. We will focus on the following aspects: Changes in the economic systems, savings, investments and income growth, diffusion of innovations, international commerce, changes in the education system and in behaviors of economic agents, distribution and social inequalities, human development, etc.

In the third part, we will consider the relationships between economic activities and ecological system. Features and perspectives of sustainable development will be considered through the reading of the last reports on the environmental dynamics in the global society.

#### **Bibliografia:**

**references:**

#### **I. Attending students**



During the course some chapters will be indicated from the following books:

- F. VOLPI, *Lezioni di economia dello sviluppo*, Franco Angeli, Milano 2011
- Herman E. Daly, *Beyond Growth. The Economics of Sustainable Development*, Beacon Press, 1996
- Partha Dasgupta, *Economics. A very short introduction*, Oxford University Press, 2006

**It is possible to substitute one part of the program with a text chosen in the following list:**

Sen A., *Lo sviluppo è libertà*, Mondadori

Sen A., *Mercati e libertà di scelta*, in Id., *La ricchezza della ragione*, il Mulino

Sen A., *Codici morali e successo economico*, in Id., *La ricchezza della ragione*, il Mulino

Ha-Joon Chang, *Bad Samaritans. The guilty Secrets of rich Nations and the Threat to global Economy*, Random House Business Book, 2007

Latouche S., *La sfida di Minerva*, Bollati Boringhieri

Sachs W., *Ambiente e giustizia sociale. I limiti della globalizzazione*, Editori Riuniti

Tim Jackson, *Prosperity without Growth: Economics for a finite Planet*, Routledge

Gioia V. - Pisanelli S. *Human development and social justice: necessity and utopia* in "Dada. Rivista di antropologia post-globale", Numero1 - Speciale 2012. Utopia e contro-utopie.

MUSELLA, M., *Verso una teoria economica dello sviluppo umano*, Maggioli editore, Santarcangelo di Romagna (RN), 2014

## 2) Conoscenze e abilità da acquisire

Critical evaluation and analyses of development patterns and of the social effects produced by economic policies. Focus on the relationships between economic growth and environment

## 3) Prerequisiti

**Prerequisites:** Knowledge in the field of economic and sociological disciplines (Economics, History of Economic Thought, Economic Sociology).

## 4) Docenti coinvolti nel modulo didattico

Seminars of PhD Simona Pisanelli, about environmental imbalances and social inequalities.

## 5) Metodi didattici e modalità di esecuzione delle lezioni



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Frontal lessons and seminars.

**6) Materiale didattico**

Power point.

**7) Modalità di valutazione degli studenti**

Oral examination.

**8) Modalità di prenotazione dell'esame e date degli appelli**

On line