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Theories And Practices Of Development: Volume 8 (Routledge Perspectives On Development)



Synopsis

Global economic crisis and the implications of global environmental change have led academics and policy-makers to consider how 'development' in all parts of the world should be achieved. However, 'development' has always been a contested idea. While often presented as a positive process to improve people's lives, the potential negative dimensions of 'development' on people and environments must also be recognized. *Theories and Practices of Development* provides a clear and user-friendly introduction to the complex debates around how development has been understood and achieved. The second edition has been fully updated and expanded to reflect global political and economic shifts, as well as new approaches to development. The rise of China and India is given particular attention, as is the global economic crisis and its implications for development theories and practice. There are new sections on faith-based development, and the development dimensions of climate change, as well as greater engagement with development theories as they are put into practice in the Global North. The book deals with the evolution of development ideas and policies, focusing on economic, political, social, environmental and spatial dimensions. It highlights how development cannot be considered as a neutral concept, but is entwined with inequalities in power at local, as well as national and global scales. The use of boxed examples, tables and illustrations helps students understand complex theoretical ideas and also demonstrates how development theories are put into practice in the real world. Each chapter ends with a summary section, discussion topics, suggestions for further reading and website resources.

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Customer Reviews

This is a beginner-level intro to development theories. It's brief, but adequately covers the material. Unfortunately, the ebook version has lost a lot of formatting when it comes to tables and boxes. This makes it a little difficult to read, but the information is there. I read it using Kindle for PC.

I had to read this class for a politics class. It was so helpful when I missed lecture and well-organized when I needed to find information quickly. Definitely something I will hang onto for the future.

This is what true International Relations is about. This uncovers the future of IAFS. Why Americans are still studying the cold war in present time IAFS, I have no idea. It's time for an update.

This was a required textbook that I ended up keeping after the semester was over. At the end of each chapter reference material and suggested websites are listed for your reading pleasure.

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