

Course 5: Local and Regional Development

Batch 9

No	Lecture	Outlines	Lecturer	Time
1.	Introduction to Local and Regional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining local and regional development Key concepts and terminology The evolution of local and regional development policies 	Dr. Sabria Al-Thawr	Sat. 28 June 2025 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Lunch Break 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM				
2.	Frameworks of Understanding Theoretical Foundations: Understanding Local and Regional Dynamics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of major theoretical frameworks: Endogenous vs. Exogenous, Growth Pole Theory, Dependency Theory, and more. Key debates in regional development theory: top-down vs. bottom-up approaches. Critiques of conventional models and emerging alternatives. 	Dr. Khalid Al-Akwa	Sat. 28 June 2025 2:00 PM – 1:00 PM
3.	What Kind of Local and Regional Development, and for Whom?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different perspectives on development: Economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability. Who benefits from local and regional development? Understanding the diverse goals of local development and the challenges in meeting them. 	Dr. Sabria Al-Thawr	Mon. 30 June 2025 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
4.	The Role of Institutions: Shaping Local and Regional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal and informal institutions Governance structures and processes The impact of institutions on economic growth and social development 	Dr. Khalid Al-Akwa	Wed. 2 July 2025 2:00 PM – 1:00 PM
5.	Rationales for Intervention, Strategy, and Policy Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The economic, social, and political rationales for government intervention in local and regional development. How global and local contexts shape policies. 		Sat. 5 July 2025 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of regional development agencies and public-private partnerships. 		
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6.	Attracting and Embedding Exogenous Resources for Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> investment, multinational corporations, and international organizations. Policies for attracting and embedding exogenous investments. The risks and opportunities of dependency on external resources. 	Dr. Khalid Al-Akwa	Sat. 5 July 2025 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
7.	Integrated Approaches to Local and Regional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combining top-down and bottom-up strategies The importance of multi-level governance The role of partnerships and networks 	Dr. Sabria	Mon. 7 July 2025 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
8.	Sustainable Rural Development: Strategies, Good Practices and Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of good practices worldwide in utilizing issue opportunities for rural areas to integrate technology such as internet networks, telecommuting, and distance-learning education. Discussion of challenges and opportunities of rural development in Yemen Analyzing a specific case study Identifying key factors contributing to success Lessons learned and implications for future policy 	Dr. Sabria	Wed. 9 July 2025 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
9.	Urban Planning: Sustainable Urban Development and Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Urban Planning: Urban history, planning principles, and global urbanization trends. Urban Sustainability and Resilience: urban climate change, environmental justice, and building sustainable cities. Resilient Cities: The role of urban planning in addressing disaster preparedness, risk management, and climate adaptation. 	Dr. Khalid Al-Akwa	Sat. 12 July 2025 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Lunch Break 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM				

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10	Governance, Policy, and Planning in Urban Contexts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How cities are governed and the role of local authorities, national governments, and global organizations in urban development. Smart Cities: The rise of technology-driven urban governance, including smart city initiatives, digital infrastructure, and data-driven urban planning. 	Dr. Sabria	Sat. 12 July 2025 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
11	Urbanization and Challenges of Building Inclusive & sustainable Cities in Yemen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of key challenges Selected topics for group work Initial presentations & discussions by students to apply knowledge and skills gained 	Dr. Sabria	Mon. 14 July 2025 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
12	Student Presentations and Group Discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student presentations on the selected topics Group discussions on key issues and challenges 	Dr. Sabria + Dr. Khalid Al-Akwa	Sat. 19 July 2025 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
13		Exam Sat. 26 July 2025 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM		