

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	APSS3224																	
Subject Title	Social Capital																	
Credit Value	3																	
Level	3																	
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil																	
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Objectives	<p>This subject introduces students to the concept of social capital and its relationships to the state, civil society and individuals as well as its links to social and economic development. In doing so the subject will explore theories and practices of social capital in international and local perspectives, highlighting both how various forms of social capital have been created to foster resource mobilization to enhance the quality of life for the vulnerable groups in the society. However, the dark side and its social consequences will also be examined in detail.</p>																	
Intended Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. delineate the major concepts and theories of social capital b. capture the relationships between social capital and the state, society and individuals in local contexts c. appreciate how social capital can be mobilized and leveraged for the benefit of the society d. acknowledge the functions and limitations of social capital 																	

Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conceptualization of social capitals: Bourdieu, Coleman and Putnam 2. Structural dimensions of social capital: bonding, bridging and linking capitals 3. Cognitive dimensions of social capital - norms and sanctions 4. The dark sides of social capital 5. The significance and power of social capital in citizenship and participation, economic development, health, education and poverty alleviation 6. Social capital and social policy 7. Building, mobilizing and leveraging social capital for deprived older adults and other vulnerable groups in the society 8. Measuring social capital 																																																												
Teaching/Learning Methodology	<p>This subject employs a combination of interactive lectures and seminars to encourage student participation in learning. Through these processes, students are expected to consolidate their knowledge and skills and apply and integrate what they have learned through working with others on a seminar project and writing their own term paper to reflect on their learning outcomes.</p>																																																												
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Expected	▪ Lectures	21 Hrs.
	▪ Quiz	3 Hrs.
	▪ Seminars	15 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	▪ Preparation of reflective journal	20 Hrs.
	▪ Preparation of quiz	20 Hrs.
	▪ Preparation for group project	34 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	113 Hrs.
Medium of Instruction	English	
Medium of Assessment	English	
Reading List and References	<p><u>Essential Readings</u></p> <p>Coleman, J. S. (1988). Social Capital in the Creation of Human Capital. <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>, 94, 95-120.</p> <p>Field, J. (2003). <i>Social Capital</i>. London: Routledge</p> <p>Granovetter, M. S. (1973). The Strength of Weak Ties. <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>, 78(6), 1360-80.</p> <p>Halpern, David (2005). <i>Social Capital</i>. U.K.: Polity Press</p> <p>Portes, A. (1998). Social Capital: Its Origins and Applications in Modern Sociology. <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i>, 24, 1-24.</p> <p>Putnam, R. D. (1995). Bowling Alone: America's Declining Social Capital. <i>Journal of Democracy</i>, 6(1), 65-78.</p> <p>Uphoff, N. (2000). Understanding Social Capital: Learning from the Analysis and Experience of Participation. In P. Dasgupta, & I. Serageldin (ed.), <i>Social Capital: a Multifaceted Perspective</i>. Washington, D. C.: World Bank.</p> <p>Woolcock, M. & Narayan, D. (2000). Social Capital: Implications for Development Theory, Research, and Policy. <i>The World Bank Research Observer</i>, 15, No. 2.</p> <p>World Bank Social Capital Thematic Group. (2002). Integrated Questionnaire for the Measurement of Social Capital. Retrieved August 15, 2014 from World Bank, Web site: http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTSOCIALCAPITAL/Resources/Social-Capital-Integrated-Questionnaire/AlbaniaFinalRptAug2802.pdf</p>	