

Course Title: **Political Economy of Governance and Development**
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Abstract:

Governance describes the ways public goods are provided, while Development signifies the improvement of these public goods. Looking at Governance and Development through the lens of political economy allows a deeper understanding of the inherent competitions within and between the two matters. The course is structured into three parts that delve into the following key components: political order, international economics as well as peace and conflict. The first part seeks answers to the following questions: How are different political orders, such as the “state”, structured? How are rulers chosen and how do they rule? What effects do different types of rule have on governance and development? The second part turns to economic questions founded on the “political” foundations gained in part one: Where do economic structures’ origins lie? How do international structures and interventions impact national economies? How can growth be achieved? Finally, the third part attempts to decipher the workings of peace and conflict from a political economy standpoint: How does an economy function during conflict? What are the economic benefits of peace? How can a society transition from war to peace? To gain answers to these and further questions, each session will begin with an indicative case study from around the world, whereupon insights will be generalized through a discussion of relevant literature to finally transpose findings onto Somaliland. Students will be required to actively contribute both within and outside the course through preparatory and follow-up work as well as through active class participation.

Syllabus overview:

1) Introduction

PART I: Political Order

- 2) No state, some state, my state
- 3) Benevolent tyrant and dictatorial demos
- 4) Democracy is what you make of it

PART II: The past, the post-colonial and the future

- 5) Colonial legacy of mistrust
- 6) The internationals – my enemy and saviour
- 7) Rapid growth

PART III: Peace and Conflict

- 8) War economy
- 9) Peace dividend
- 10) From war to peace

PART: IV

- 11) Conclusion