

Title: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBALIZATION

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ABSTRACT

Economic Development has been an important goal of many nations. Today, a larger integration among nations occurs in the search for Development, in a context of globalization and neo-liberalism, where it has been occurring changes in the political, social and economic aspects and in the relations between capital and labor and state and market. These changes gave to capitalism features that are in the center of the issues addressed in this paper, Local Development, as alternative of Development to many areas in the developing world.

The paper analysis some of the processes that we believe have contributed to new theorization about Development. These are, the crisis of the Keynesian model and the Development theories and the social problems worsened after the fall of the Welfare State, the globalization and neo-liberalism and the role of local action and administrative decentralization in the process of Local Development, with the participation of civil society.

Among the factors that contributed to the sharp social crisis that favored new theories of Development, we have the fall of the Welfare State and the process that ended in the globalization and neo-liberalism. It was in this context that new social actors appeared to engender the process of Local Development. The civil society appeared, composed by entities that seek the socioeconomic Development through alternative strategies for social change and environmental preservation. The failure of the Welfare State and the crisis intensified in the world after the establishment of neo-liberalism and globalization favored the emergency of new conceptualization about Development, among them the concept of Local Development.

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