

Rural development & Institutional Policy

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Introduction

This thematic area emphasizes that, rural development activities must be

- i. Organized around well defined technologies and objective
- ii. Organized to use available human resource endowments in rural areas
- iii. Dependent on development of institutional capacity to mobilize the limited political and economic resources available in rural communities
- iv. Made to understand welfare in rural areas remains a problem of level of output per person and distribution and
- v. Organized around human resources that have received formal training.
- vi. The major objective of the thematic area is to provide student with a variety of methodological issues to analyze multiple facets of rural and regional development and examine the impact of macro - economic policies on rural development.

History

The themes in this thematic areas have evolved from those of the 1970 where emphasis was on transforming traditional agriculture to theories of economic development. Over the years ,themes have moved to agricultural development and land issues, to rural- urban migration and rural urban poverty. The current issues emphasize food policy and food security, employment and income, development of small medium scale enterprises in rural areas, rural development policies and framework.

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Area of Specialization

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He has authored several teaching/instructional materials including “Development and Teaching strategies”, “Rural Sociology and community Development”, “Economic characteristics, Needs and Opportunities of small and minority Farms in West Tennessee”. He teaches rural sociology and community development, agricultural extension, computer concepts and applications, fundamentals of development, Agricultural resources and Agricultural information/communication issues. He has developed and implemented two curricula.



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Projects

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Degree Programme

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