Post-development and alternatives to development

Objectives:
In this lecture we will learn about the historical context in which the post-development school emerged and understand the core arguments put forward by post-development scholars. We will then discuss the validity of their arguments and examine whether there are any alternatives.

Questions:
1) What do scholars mean when they claim that development discourses are ahistorical and that they depoliticize political and economic processes in the Global South?
2) Why is it claimed that the question of knowledge production and circulation is central to students of development?

Required reading: