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DESCRIPTION:
Secular contemporary development discourse deals with the problems of societal development and transformation by prioritizing the human good in terms of vital and social values with the aim of providing the basic necessities of life through social institutions that work. While such approach is profitable by promoting economic growth, it does not take note of other dynamics of social progress and development. Also, it fails to notice the consequences of development strategies on human flourishing, wellbeing, and happiness. Using themes of development in Christian social theology (Catholic and Protestant) to dialogue with contemporary theories of development, this course critiques the philosophical anthropological backdrop of development as merely economic growth and suggests an integral developmental structure that takes care of human integral scale of values in order to provide schemes of recurrence for the provision of the human good for the development of the human person.