

Development Studies in Spanish: A Critical and Constructive Response from the Peripheries

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1 INTRODUCTION

Development Studies in Spanish (DSS) have had a long-lasting multidimensional conceptualisation since the mid-twentieth century. From the start, this field of research has conceived development as a pluralistic subject in which yearning for progress and social justice has been a key driver force behind the main ideas generated and disseminated. In fact, this attempt illustrates that DSS has remained practically unchanged in its alternative position in opposition to the path that mainstream economics has been following since the late 1950s.

The richness of DSS over the years relies on two interrelated and mutually reinforcing bodies of analysis that came to be known as structuralist economic thinking, which emerged from the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC or

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