

## **Major Approaches to Development Management and the Influences from Past and Present Administrative Theories**

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### Abstract

Development management is a growing multidisciplinary and crosscultural field of scholarly research. It has received influences from a number of established disciplines like economics, anthropology, sociology, and political science. Aside from these another major contributing area of study is public administration. This paper provides an overview and evaluation of the specific contributions of past and present administrative theories to the practice of centralization and decentralization development management, It traces the conceptual roots of development management to the works of Woodrow Wilson(1887), Frank Goodnow (1900), and Max Weber (1919) of the early classical school and further on to the writings of Robert Golembiewski (1985) and Fredrick Herzberg (1990) of the human relations school of thought that followed.

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