

The Interface of Culture and Economic Development

Abstract

This paper aligns with the view that culture influences the economic development of a society. It contends that cultural variability, however, could create disharmony in a multi-ethnic society, and disharmony retards economic progress. It is, therefore, suggested in the paper that, for a multi-ethnic and multicultural society to have meaningful economic progress, there is the need for its constituent groups to pursue and emphasize cultural similarities, and also develop a scientific supraculture that supercedes local conflicting cultures.