

ANTH/SOCI 398-B, (De)Globalization & the Nation  
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**Reading Questions for Session 9**

**John W. Robinson, "Lessons from the Structural Adjustment Process in Jamaica"**

1. What does the author identify as the main features of the current development model that is applied to "low-growth" developing countries? How does it differ from the path of advanced industrialized countries in the past?
2. Note that when the author writes about the "new wave of Anglo-American conservatism" he is referring to what is now called neoliberalism.
3. Which policies characterized Jamaica's development path in the 1970s? How did it change in the 1980s?
4. Which factors led to an economic crisis in the 1970s?
5. Make a list of all the measures imposed by the IMF?
6. Which events beyond Jamaica's control hampered its growth? Did the IMF and World Bank take that into account?
7. What happened to import-substituting industrialization (ISI) in Jamaica?
8. How important did tourism become? What were the impacts of tourism?
9. What were the social impacts of adjustment?
10. Did Jamaica become more or less vulnerable to external shocks?
11. What happened to domestic food production?
12. Does the author talk about democracy?

**Anthony J. Payne, "Orthodox Liberal Development in Jamaica: Theory and Practice"**

1. What was the "political critique" of the IMF?
2. Seaga followed a typical structural adjustment program (SAP) – note its key policy components.
3. How did foreign investors respond to Jamaica's new business-friendly transformations?
4. How is the Jamaican private sector described in this article?
5. What problems were created by the 1980s import boom?
6. What were Seaga's actual achievements?
7. Note "austerity measures".
8. Did tourism help Jamaica to accumulate foreign exchange?
9. How did ordinary Jamaicans react to austerity?
10. Is there evidence that Seaga himself lost confidence in the IMF's program?
11. What was the toll of structural adjustment on social conditions in Jamaica?
12. How does Payne differ from Robinson in assessing the results of the 1980s' transformations in Jamaica?