

CAPSTONE SEMINAR

ECONOMY, ECOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN 1970s' KOREA

TRUE OR FALSE: THE LEGACY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?
THE NEW COMMUNITY MOVEMENT

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The New Community Movement (NCM, *Seamaul Undong* in Korean) has been known as a successful community-based development project, primarily involving economic and infrastructural development and natural resource management in rural areas. It has been particularly recognized for its participatory and democratic decision-making processes at the village level. These features have received renewed appreciation for their application to other issues, such as environmental problems and natural resource management, which emphasize participatory approaches at the community level. Its practical experiences inspire other developing countries, and have started to be applied to other developing countries in Africa and South Eastern Asia, for promoting participatory self-sustaining development. While it has experimental traits, along with emerging controversies surrounding the definition of terms such as development or participation, the NCM needs to be studied precisely, from various perspectives using diverse methods. By scrutinizing the NCM, the limitations and capacities of those problematic issues in the development and environment field, as well as the applicability of NCM, can be evaluated.

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