

DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION—MYTH OR REALITY?

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During the last two decades a growing body of literature has been developing around the ongoing debate — Public Administration Vs. Development Administration. Some writers have refused to concede or accept the need for a concept of Public Administration. They have vehemently maintained that the concept of Public Administration is broad and flexible enough to incorporate all that the new slogan called “Development Administration” seeks to represent.

On the other hand there is the opposing school which advocates the need for a new concept of Public Administration on the grounds that the ‘old concept’ is highly stereotyped in application and restrictive in scope. They point out that the new concept is not a hollow slogan but an attempt to rejuvenate and restructure the dying (Obsolete) concept in order to equip it to meet the emerging demands and pressing needs of rapid development and modernization in the so called Third World Countries.

This paper seeks to survey some contributions made by participants of this debate and make a few pertinent observations.