

## Social Change Symposium

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**Abstract:** This thesis explores governance for sustainable development in underdeveloped economies, using Somaliland as a case study. The research identifies several areas of practical and theoretical significance, including contributing to the literature on governance for sustainable development, informing policy-making processes, and identifying ways to make the governance process more effective in addressing political and sustainable development issues. The study examines how governance in less developed countries has evolved from being solely the responsibility of the state to a hybrid governance system that includes public, private actors and societal groups. Somaliland's unique governance arrangements and their contribution to achieving peace, stability, and social and economic development without international donors or interventions serve as the main research puzzle. The research objectives are to investigate how Somaliland's government has used unique governance arrangements to achieve peace, stability, and institutional development, and to identify the actors, factors, influences, and motivations that have contributed to fostering social and economic development. The case study of Somaliland offers important lessons for its neighbours and other postcolonial states in Africa.