

## **Abstract**

In this thesis, I explore the impact of political culture on national development. It is inspired by John Rawls and his assertion that political culture significantly shapes a society's economic and social structures. It bridges a gap in the existing literature by developing a theoretical framework that defines the way through which political culture impacts economic development. Employing a mixed-methods research design, the study combines qualitative analysis of political culture literature and semi-structured interviews with quantitative analysis of survey data. It identifies crucial components of political culture, such as political efficacy, trust, participation, and civic engagement, and examines their correlation with development indicators, such as GDP, institutional stability, and socioeconomic progress. A case study of Albania is used to illustrate the relationship between domestic political culture and international influences, highlighting how historical and cultural legacies impact contemporary development. This research provides both theoretical advancements and practical insights, aiming to enhance the understanding of political culture's role in fostering sustainable economic development.