**International Development: Policy and Practice (2019)**

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**Course Description:** This course introduces students to a conceptual and policy framework pertaining to the field of international development and aid. The aim of the course is to lend insight into the world of development, its actors, paradoxes and stakes. We will go through academic readings, relevant material from institutional literature and current affairs in order to encourage thoughtful and critical discussions on existing development policies and practices. We expect that by the end of the term students will be able to come up with their own arguments on existing development policies through country or sector based case studies and conceptual frameworks that can be channelled from fields as diverse as economics, law, political science or sociology. The course provides a good start to students willing to pursue further studies/career in the challenging, contested but needed field of international development. Additionally, students will find the course to be complementary and useful to other disciplines.

**Evaluation:** Students will be evaluated on both written and oral assignments. The break-up is as follows:

10 points for class participation and attendance.

20 points for a presentation that critically reviews one of the course readings assigned to the students during the first class.

20 points for an exposé based on case studies chosen by the students. The case studies could be on the themes studies in class or from the wider field of international development that might be of individual interest to the student. This is a group assignment. Students work in groups of two or three.

50 points for the final dissertation. The dissertation should address a central question that addresses a theme or sub-theme from the field of international development. The length of the dissertation can vary from 2 000 to 2 500 words.

**Class Format, Content and Bibliography:**

1. 06/09/18) Introduction to the Dynamics of International Development

Corbridge, Stuart, *The (im)possibility of development studies*, Economy and Society Volume 36 Number 2 May 2007: 179-211

1. 13/09/18) The Determinants of Foreign Aid

Alesina, Alberto and Dollar, David. *Who gives foreign aid to whom and why*? Journal of Economic Growth 2000. 5(1): 33-63.

Rahman, MD Saifur and Geissen, Lukas. *Formal and Informal Interests of Donors to Allocate Aid: Spending Patterns of USAID, GIZ, and EU Forest Development Policy in Bangladesh*. World Development Vol. 94, pp. 250–267, 2017

1. 20/09/18) Policy Influences: *Political and normative conditionality*

Engberg-Pedersen, Lars, *Policy Making in Foreign Aid: Gender Equality and Danish Development Policy,* The Journal of Development Studies, 2016, Vol. 52, No. 7, 933–949

Felice, de Damiano. *Diverging Visions on Political Conditionality: The Role of Domestic Politics and International Socialization in French and British Aid*. World Development Vol. 75, pp. 26–45, 2015

1. 27/09/18) Humanitarian Aid and Aid in Conflict-Affected Countries

Zürcher, Christoph. *What Do We (Not) Know About Development Aid and Violence? A Systematic Review*. World Development Vol. 98, pp. 506–522, 2017

Kevlihan, Rob. *Providing health services during a civil war: the experience of a garrison town in South Sudan*. *Disasters,* 2013, 37(4): 579−603. Overseas Development Institute, 2013

1. 04/10/18) Good Governance Agenda

M. Doornbos (2001) *'Good Governance': The Rise and Decline of a Policy*

*Metaphor?*, The Journal of Development Studies, 37:6, 93-108, DOI: 10.1080/713601084

Gberevbie, Daniel Eseme.*Democracy, Democratic Institutions and Good Governance in Nigeria*. Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review, 2014, Volume 30, Numéro 1

1. 11/10/18) Transparency and Accountability

McGee, Rosemary, *Aid Transparency and Accountability: ‘Build It and They’ll Come’?,* Development Policy Review, 2013, 31 (S1): s107-s124

Savedoff, William, *Anti-Corruption Strategies in Foreign Aid: From Controls to Results,* CDG Policy Paper, 76, March 2016

1. 18/10/18) Understanding the Complexities of Global Poverty

Vossen, Mirjam and Van Gorp, Balwin. *The Battle of Ideas About Global Poverty in the United Kingdom, The Netherlands, and Flanders*. The European Journal of Development Research (2017) 29, 707–724. doi:10.1057/s41287-016-0055-2; September 7, 2016.

Saleem, Zahabia and Donaldson, John A. *Pathways to poverty reduction*. Development Policy Review, 2016, 34 (5): 671--690

1. 25/10/18) What Works for Development and What Doesn’t?

Chang, Ha-Joon. *Kicking Away the Ladder “Good Policies” and “Good Institutions” in Historical Perspective*.This paper is a summary of Ha-Joon Chang’s book, *Kicking Away the Ladder – Development Strategy in Historical Perspective* (Anthem Press, London, 2002).

Prasad, Monica & Nickow, Andre. *Mechanisms of the ‘Aid Curse’: Lessons from South Korea and Pakistan.* The Journal of Development Studies, (2016)

1. 08/11/18) South-South Co-operation: A New Approach to International Development?

Pickup, Megan (2018): *Evaluating Brazilian South–South Cooperation in Haiti*, Third World Quarterly, DOI: 10.1080/01436597.2018.1458298

Morvaridi, Behrooz and Hughes, Caroline. *South–South Cooperation and Neoliberal Hegemony in a Post-aid World.* Development and Change, 05/2018, Volume 49, Numéro 3

1. 15/11/18) The Role of Non-state Actors in the Development Landscape

Banks, Nicola, Hulme, David, and Edwards, Michael, *NGOs, States, and Donors Revisited: Still Too Close for Comfort*?, World Development Vol. 66, pp. 707–718, 2015.

Gilberthorpe, Emma, Agol, Dorice & Gegg, Thomas, ‘*Sustainable Mining’? Corporate Social Responsibility, Migration and Livelihood Choices in Zambia*,

The Journal of Development Studies, (2016) DOI: 10.1080/00220388.2016.1189534

1. 22/11/18) Human Rights in Development

Sen, Amartya. *Human Rights and Capabilities*. Journal of Human Development, 6:2, 151-166, 2005. DOI: 10.1080/14649880500120491

Nelson, Paul J. and Dorsey, Ellen. *Who practices rights-based development? A progress report on work at the nexus of human rights and development*. World Development 104 (2018) 97–107.

1. 29/11/18) The Migration- Development Nexus

Bakewell, Oliver, ‘*Keeping Them in Their Place’: the ambivalent relationship between development and migration in Africa*, Third World Quarterly, 29:7, 2008, 1341-1358.

Hackl, Andreas. *Mobility equity in a globalized world: Reducing inequalities in the sustainable development agenda*. World Development 112 (2018) 150–162

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Misc…

* Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflot, Poor Economics : A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty
* Ha-Joon Chang, Kicking Away the Ladder : Development Strategy in Historical Perspective
* William Easterly : The White Man’s Burden : Why the West’s Efforts to Aid the Rest have Done So Much Ill and So Little Good
* Arturo Escobar, Encountering Development : The Making and Unmaking of the Third World
* Jeffrey Sachs, The End of Poverty : Economic possibilities for Our Time
* Amartya Sen, Development as Freedom