

Course Outline

Geography 4911: Special Topics- Development Geography and Global Change

Fall 2015, Monday and Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 pm OA 2020 (Orillia), AT5041 (TB)

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A. BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The course focuses on the changing geography of development in the developed and the developing worlds. Structured in three parts, the course covers development theory and practice as well as themes on global resources and environmental change. The first part introduces the theories of, and emerging approaches to development such as ethical development and sustainable development. The objective is to understand the meaning and nature of development from a geographic context. The second part examines the nature of globalization and urbanization and the links between the environment, resources and development. The third part focuses on aspects of global change in relation to world peace, security and governance. Analytical techniques such as indices of development (e.g., HDI) and the practice of development will be discussed to understand the spatial impacts and implications of development and change on people, places and environments in developing countries.

B. PRE-REQUISITE: NONE

C. TEXTS (Required and Recommended)

Required Text: Desai, V. and Potter, R. (Eds). 2014. *The Companion to Development Studies*, 3rd Edition, London and New York: Routledge (Paperback)

Recommended Texts (Optional):

Porter, P., Faust, D and Nagar, F. 2009. *A World of Difference: Encountering and Contesting Development*. New York: The Guilford Press.

Seligson, M and Passe-Smith, J. (Eds.) 1998. *Development and Underdevelopment*, 2nd Edition. Boulder and London: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

D. COURSE/STUDENT EVALUATION:

Class Participation (Attendance and Take Home Assignments) **20%**

Mid-term examination – 30%

Final Examination- 30%

Student Seminar and 1 page Critique Paper- Selected Journal Articles (Guidelines to be handed out and discussed in class)- 20%

E. LECTURES AND READING OUTLINE

Part 1: Introduction and Theories of Development

Week 1 Course Introduction

- Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes
- Required and Recommended Readings
- Student Evaluation and Guidelines

Overview: Geography and Nature of Development

Week 2 Understanding Development

- What is development?
- Nature and impasse in development studies
- Development in relation to economic growth, social welfare and culture
- Ethics of Development

Week 3 Development Theories and Models (Read Part II of Text)

- Theories, Strategies and Ideologies
- Dependency Theory
- World System Theory
- Participatory Development
- Postcolonialism, postmodernism and post-development

Week 4 Structuring (Geography) and Measuring Development

- Geography of Development: The North and the South
- Emerging markets and rising powers: EMCs, the BRICS
- Measuring Development and Poverty

Part II: Globalization, Urbanization and Development

- Week 5 Globalization, urbanization and the world economy**
- What is globalization and global shift?
 - What is the new international division of labour in the world economy?

- Week 6 Urbanization, Global cities and the New Economy**
- What is urbanization, urbanism and urban development?
 - The global cities and Knowledge economy
 - Migration and transnationalism

October 21, 2015, Wednesday: Mid-term exam in class 5:30-7:00pm

- Week 7: Environment, Natural Resources and Development**
- Defining the environment, sustainable development and sustainability
 - Natural resources and development

Gender and Development

- Gender, women and development
- Feminism, feminist Issues in development

Part III Global Change and Development

- Week 8: Peace, Security and Development**
- Fragile, failed States and refugees
 - Ethnic conflict, religions and development
 - War on terror, development and society

- Week 9: Governance and Development**
- Global governance issues
 - NGOs, multilateral institutions and right to development

Week 10-13: Student Seminars

Week 13: Evaluation, Geography of Development Revisited

Final examination: Venue and Date to be announced by the Office of Registrar.

G. CODE OF STUDENT BEHAVIOUR:

All students are advised to familiarize themselves with the General Regulations on conduct re: plagiarism and class attendance published in Lakehead University (see website) and must abide by those rules. For further information and guidance, please refer to the University Calendar 2015-2016 on all pertinent academic regulations and student services. Students with special needs should contact the Student Affairs Office for arrangements concerning tests/examinations and other services available. Students are strongly encouraged to contact the Instructor during office hours, by e-mail and/or appointment, if they have questions and problems with the course requirements, lectures and student evaluation.