

SPECIAL TOPICS IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS: INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

Some of the most complex issues of global politics exist at the nexus of international relations and international development. While globalization has made countries interdependent, the capacity of the international system to deal with global challenges remains limited. A wide range of global problems still awaits effective international solutions – from the depletion of natural resources and global climate change to the creation of an effective and fair trading system and the elimination of poverty. This course provides a thorough and thoughtful discussion of the international relations of global development. The complex interactions between global politics and international development are much more than an academic exercise. The course will trace the evolution of key debates on the global governance of development, the history of the main patterns and shifts in international development, the central topics and actors in the field, as well as the likely trajectories for the global development agenda. The course is designed with several different audiences in mind: undergraduate students looking for an expert guide through contemporary international issues; policy-makers at all levels seeking an in-depth survey of the main challenges facing the world today; those from any of the major social science disciplines who take the ‘global’ seriously; members of international organisations and NGOs; and anybody with a keen interest in international affairs but who wishes to deepen his or her understanding of world issues.

BRIEF OUTLINE OF CLASSES:

WEEK 1: THE GLOBAL CONTEXT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF DEVELOPMENT

Monday (9 January): Encountering international relations and development: setting the stage (academic: Emilian Kavalski)

Tuesday (10 January): The North-South Gap and the Problems of Development (academic: Emilian Kavalski)

Wednesday (11 January): The global environment and development (academic: Emilian Kavalski)

Thursday (12 January): Democracy and development (academic: Emilian Kavalski)

Friday (13 January): International Institutions and Development: Design(s) and decision-making (academic: Emilian Kavalski)

WEEK 2: ACTORS IN THE GLOBAL GOVERNANCE OF DEVELOPMENT

Monday (16 January): The End of History? The End of the Cold War, the Collapse of the USSR, and the Victory of the West (academic: Kiran Grewal).

Tuesday (17 January): The United Nations and Development (academic: Kiran Grewal)

Wednesday (18 January): Respectful Development – A Practitioner’s View: A Cambodian Case Study (academic: Paula Gleeson)

Thursday (19 January): The European Union and Development (academic: Emilian Kavalski)

Friday (20 January): Islam and Democracy: The ‘Clash of Civilizations’, the ‘Arab Spring’, and Beyond (academic: Naser Ghobazadeh)

WEEK 3: TOPICS FROM THE GLOBAL GOVERNANCE OF DEVELOPMENT

Monday (23 January): Multinational Corporations (MNCs) and Development (academic: Emilian Kavalski)

Tuesday (24 January): Engendering development (academic: Emilian Kavalski)

Wednesday (25 January): Towards a BRIC(s) World? The Rise of the Rest, Decline of the West (academic: Emilian Kavalski)

Thursday (26 January): Rising Region, Rising Power? Asian Century or China Rules (academic: Emilian Kavalski)

Friday (27 January): Looking forward by looking back: What’s new (and what not) about the global politics of development in the 21st century (academic: Emilian Kavalski)

DETAILED SYLLABUS:

WEEK 1: THE GLOBAL CONTEXT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF DEVELOPMENT

Monday (9 January): Encountering international relations and development: setting the stage

Academic: Emilian Kavalski

- What is development and how does it interface with international relations?
- How is Development Different (is it) than Growth? Progress? Modernization? Global Justice?

Required reading:

Honke, J. and Lederer, M. (2012), "Development and International Relations" in *The Handbook of International Relations*. SAGE Press.

Tuesday (10 January): The North-South Gap and the Problems of Development

Academic: Emilian Kavalski

- What is the North-South Gap?
- How does it impact on the thinking and practices of international development?

Required reading:

Pieterse, J.N. (2009), "Twenty-first Century Globalization, Paradigm Shifts in Development" in *Doing Good or Doing Better*. Amsterdam University Press.

Wednesday (11 January): The global environment and development

Academic: Emilian Kavalski

- The global ecological crisis: causes and dimensions.
- The global politics of 'sustainable development': From Stockholm to Rio, Johannesburg and beyond.
- Does the current system of global environmental governance respond to the challenges of the Anthropocene.

Required reading:

Mitchell, R.B. (2013), "International Environmental Politics" in *The Handbook of International Relations*. SAGE Press.

Thursday (12 January): Democracy and development

Academic: Emilian Kavalski

- Is there a trade-off between democracy and development?
- Should all countries seek to adopt democracy?
- Why some think that they know what is good for others?

Required reading:

Thomas Carothers (2010), "Democracy Assistance: Political vs. Developmental?" *Journal of Democracy*, 20(1), 5-19.

Friday (13 January): International Institutions and Development: Design(s) and decision-making

Academic: Emilian Kavalski

- Why global governance of development?
- How do international institutions differ from one another and why?
- Who decides within international institutions and why?

Required reading:

Therien, J-P. (2010). "Beyond the North-South Divide: The Two Tales of World Poverty." *Third World Quarterly*, 20(4): 723-742.

WEEK 2: ACTORS IN THE GLOBAL GOVERNANCE OF DEVELOPMENT

Monday (16 January): The End of History? The End of the Cold War, the Collapse of the USSR, and the Victory of the West.

Academic: Kiran Grewal

Required reading:

Jack Donnelly (2013), Chapter One: 'Human Rights as an Issue in World Politics' in his *International Human Rights* (4th Ed), Westview Press, 3-17. (available for max three days through ACU network below).

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Tuesday (17 January): The United Nations and Development

Academic: Kiran Grewal

- What role does the UN play in the global governance of development?
- Has the impact of the UN increased or decreased as a result of the multiple dynamics of globalization?
- Can the UN maintain its position in the governance of international development?

Required reading:

Annan, K. (2005). "In larger freedom: Decision time at the UN," *Foreign Affairs*, 84(3), 63-74.

Wednesday (18 January): Respectful Development – A Practitioner's View: A Cambodian Case Study

Academic: Paula Gleeson

Today we are going to meet an international development practitioner, whose experience will enrich our understanding of the global politics of development.

- Exploring ways to survive and flourish in the fluid landscape of international development and sculpting supple portraits of the influential players who live there.

Required reading:

"Challenges for organising Beer Promotion Women in Cambodia" in *Asian Labour Review* Sept 2010

Thursday (19 January): The European Union and Development

Academic: Emilian Kavalski

- What is the European Union?
- How does the European Union act in global politics?
- What is the role of the European Union in international development?

Required reading:

Holland, M. (2008). "The EU and the Global Development Agenda," *Journal of European Integration*, 30(3), 343–362

Friday (20 January): Islam and Democracy: The 'Clash of Civilizations', the 'Arab Spring', and Beyond

Academic: Naser Ghobazadeh

Required reading:

Alfred Stepan and Juan J. Linz (2013), "Democratization Theory and the 'Arab Spring'," *Journal of Democracy*, 24(2), 15-30.

WEEK 3: TOPICS FROM THE GLOBAL GOVERNANCE OF DEVELOPMENT

Monday (23 January): Multinational Corporations (MNCs) and Development

Academic: Emilian Kavalski

- The political economy of global firms
- Corporate power in global politics
- The rise of the Corporate Social Responsibility agenda
- Multinationals and sustainable development

Required reading:

Fuchs, D. (2005), "Commanding Heights? The Strength and Fragility of Business Power in Global Politics," *Millennium* 33(3):771-802

Tuesday (24 January): Engendering development

Academic: Emilian Kavalski

- Does the current system of global governance promote gender-equality?
- Is international development attending to the needs of both men and women?
- Are the two sexes facing the same challenges of underdevelopment?

Required reading:

Tinker, I. and Zuckerman, E. (2014), "Women's Economic Roles and the Development Paradigm," in *International Development: Ideas, Experiences, Prospects*. Oxford University Press.

Wednesday (25 January): Towards a BRIC(s) World? The Rise of the Rest, Decline of the West

Academic: Emilian Kavalski

- Are we witnessing the emergence of a 'world without the West'?
- What is the impact of the "Global South" on the thinking and practices of international development?
- Is the current system of international development in need of an overhaul?

Required reading:

Hou, Z. (2014), "The BRICS and Global Governance Reform: Can the BRICS Provide Leadership." *Development* 56(3), 356-362.

Thursday (26 January): Rising Region, Rising Power? Asian Century or China Rules

Academic: Emilian Kavalski

- Is there a Chinese model for development?
- How does China's approach to development differ from those of the West?
- Is the "Beijing Consensus" replacing the "Washington Consensus"?

Required reading:

De Haan, A. (2011), "Will China Change International Development as We Know It?" *Journal of International Development* 23(7): 881-908.

Friday (27 January): Looking forward by looking back: What's new (and what not) about the global politics of development in the 21st century.

Academic: Emilian Kavalski

- What are the key challenges on the current international development agenda?
- Are these challenges a new phenomenon?
- What are the likely trajectories for the global governance of development?

Required reading:

Buch-Hansen, M. and Lauridsen, L.M. (2008), "The Past, Present, and Future of Development Studies," *Forum for Development Studies*. 39(3): 293-300.

ASSIGNMENT

Write a 1500-word essay on one of the following topics. The essay needs to be submitted on 26 January 2016 (Thursday) at the beginning of the class.

Essay topics:

1. What are the causes for underdevelopment?
2. Are we witnessing the emergence of a “world without the West”?
3. Is the current system of international development in need of an overhaul?
4. What is the ‘North-South Gap’ and how does it impact on the thinking and practices of international development?
5. Should all countries seek to adopt democracy?
6. Why do Western/developed countries think they know what is good for non-Western/underdeveloped countries?
7. How do international institutions differ from one another and why?
8. What is the European Union and what roles does it play in international development?
9. What are the current challenges for the international development agenda?