

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA3005 Politics of the Developing World

Pre-requisites : HA1001

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

This course aims to familiarise you with major historical and contemporary issues impacting politics in developing countries and equip you with a theoretically informed understanding of multiple development challenges they face.

The course is designed for students who are interested in development issues but have no substantial background on the discipline.

By introducing you to development studies, HA3005 is a first step for those of you who are considering a future career in national aid agencies, multilateral development agencies (UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO, FAO, WB, IMF, AIIB ...), development related NGOs (OXFAM, AI, HRW ...) or becoming social entrepreneurs.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Explain major theoretical perspectives in the study of the developing world and assess its utility
2. Identify key challenges in the developing world and summarise related debates
3. Dissect developmental challenges in concrete case studies
4. Construct a sound research agenda and articulate logic arguments/findings
5. Propose practical policy solutions to address specified challenges

Course Content

Developing states constitute the vast majority of countries in the world (around 140) and house the bulk of its population. Despite their great diversity, many nations in the 'developing world' (Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America) face a wide range of common challenges, namely high levels of poverty and inequality, legacies of colonialism, internal political and social instability, external vulnerability and dependency, human rights abuses, endemic corruption, etc ... This course will introduce students to the changing nature of politics in the developing world

in the 21st century focusing on some of these challenges. The course consists of two parts. The first part (W2 to W5) provides an overview of analytical approaches/theories and debates to the study of the developing world. The second part of the course (W7 to W12) will explore a variety of challenges affecting developing countries at present, namely, democratisation, governance, environment, human rights, conflict and violence and transnational crime.

Course Assessment

CA1 - Journal article review	: 15%
CA2 - Mid Term test	: 25%
CA3 - Case study project	: 20%
CA4 - Policy Briefing	: 40%
Total	-----
	100%