McGill University  
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Introduction to International Development  
INTD 200-001

SYLLABUS:

Class times:  
Wednesdays and Friday 5:30-7:00 PM  
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Course description:  
This is an introductory course intended to familiarize students with theories, concepts and key themes in international development. The first part of the course will cover the history and theory of international development, how this influences development policy and practice, the organizations involved in development and the impacts of different approaches. The second part of the course will focus on some key themes, with special focus on development as it intersects with human rights and democracy, the environment, rural development, food security and famine. The final part of the course will cover the role of civil society in development, Canada and development, and development and indigenous people.

The course involves lectures and mandatory conference sessions in which students are expected to actively participate and come prepared to discuss the course material.
Grade distribution:

15%  1 in-class Mid-term exam: October 10
20%  1 take home exam based on class material, due in class on November 14
15%  4 Mandatory conferences, graded based on attendance, preparedness and participation
50%  Final exam to be held in December 2012

Required textbook:


The text-book will be available for purchase in the McGill Bookstore, and copies will be put on reserve in the McLennan library. In addition, a course-pack of other required readings will be made available for purchase at the bookstore, and those materials available on internet and in electronic journals will be posted on web-CT.

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Note: This right applies to all written work that is to be graded, from one-word answers to dissertations.
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LECTURES AND READINGS:

Wednesday, September 5: Introduction (All)

Friday, September 7: What is development? (K. McAllister)


Wednesday, September 12: Development and human rights (W. Allmand)


The UN Charter; The Declaration of Human Rights (available on web)

Friday, September 14: Introduction to the IDS program and library resources.

Lisa Stanischewski, Student Affairs Advisor, ISID
Juanita Jara de Súmar, Liaison Librarian for International Development Studies

Wednesday, September 19: History of development (K. McAllister)


Optional:


Friday, September 21: Theories of development (part 1) (K. McAllister)


**Wednesday, September 26: Theories of development (part 2) (K. McAllister)**


Film: The debt of dictators

**Friday, September 28: Theories of development (part 3) Post-development (K. McAllister)**


**Wednesday, October 3: Expansion of human rights (W. Allmand)**


The ICCPR, ICESCR, CEDAW, CRC (available on web)

**Friday, October 5: Opposition to universal human rights (W. Allmand)**


The Vienna Declaration 1993 (web)

**Wednesday, October 10: MIDTERM**

**Friday, October 12: Environment and development (K. McAllister)**


**Wednesday October 17: Implementation and enforcement of human rights (W. Allmand)**


Paris Principles, UN Charter, UDHR (web)

**Friday, October 19: Role of the UN in development and human rights (W. Allmand)**


UN Charter, The MDGs (web)

**Wednesday, October 24: Population, poverty and famine (K. McAllister)**


**Friday, October 26: Rural development (K. McAllister)**


Film: The legacy of Malthus

**Wednesday, October 31: UN special agencies (W. Allmand)**


**Friday, November 2: World Trade Organization, World Bank and IMF (W. Allmand)**


**Wednesday, November 7: Development livelihoods (K. McAllister)**


*TAKE-HOME GIVEN OUT***

**Friday, November 9: Regional bodies in development and human rights (W. Allmand)**


American Convention of Human Rights (web)
European Convention of Human Rights (web)
African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights (web)

**Wednesday, November 14: Civil society, NGOs and human rights defenders (W. Allmand)**


The UDHR; The Declaration on Human Rights Defenders (web)

*TAKE HOME DUE!*

**Friday, November 16: Indigenous peoples, rights and development (W. Allmand)**


UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (web)

**Wednesday, November 21: The green revolution: Technologies for rural development and food production (K. McAllister)**


Film: The Goddess and the Green revolution.

**Friday, November 23: Local knowledge and participatory development (K. McAllister)**


Wednesday, November 28: Canadian ODA and development in Canada (W. Allmand)


Constitutional Act 1982, Sect 36 (web)
Constitutional Act 1867, Sect. 91, 92, 95, 118, 145 (web)

Friday, November 30: Review class (All)