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**URP 6610 Introduction to International Development - online**

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**Course Objective:**

The purpose of this course is to examine critically the wide array of institutional actors that play a role in addressing development issues in poorer nations within the context of international development strategies. In the process of assessing how planning and implementation are pursued by such institutions as the World Bank, the United Nations, regional development agencies, bi-laterals and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), the course will expose students to some of the dominant strategies and emerging perspectives on international development. These include economic (structural) adjustment, governmental decentralization, gender perspectives, privatization of public service delivery, environmental sustainability and environmental justice, poverty alleviation, social capital formation, legal reform (rule of law) and democratization. A desired outcome of the course is a fuller understanding of how the formal and informal development planning institutions impact on these concerns, and where the planner can and should make a difference.

**Course Texts:**

Sen, Amartya, *Development as Freedom*. New York: Random House, 1999.

Mallach-Brown, Mark, *The Unfinished Global Revolution: The Road to International Cooperation* New York: Penguin, 2012.

Sachs, Jeffrey D., *The Age of Sustainable Development*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2015.

**Select Web Resources:**

One of the key sources of information on international development institutions is the growing number and quality of websites. The following are some of the major websites that also include links to other useful sites.

[www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov) - U.S. Agency for International Development

[www.worldbank.com](http://www.worldbank.com) - World Bank

[www.adb.org](http://www.adb.org) - Asia Development Bank

[www.adbi.org](http://www.adbi.org) – Asia Development Bank Institute (research arm)

[www.iadb.org](http://www.iadb.org) - Inter-American Development Bank

[www.un.org](http://www.un.org) - United Nations

[www.undp.org](http://www.undp.org) – United Nations Development Program

[www.oecd.org](http://www.oecd.org) - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

[www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org) - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

[www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org) - Food and Agriculture Organization

[www.urban.org](http://www.urban.org) – Urban Institute (under International Issues)

**Papers and Policy Project:**

There will be three (3) separate writing assignments during the semester, one of which will serve as a final examination. In conjunction with the readings/lectures, each student will identify an international development issue within a particular national or regional context, identify a recent project by some international organization which address the issue, critique project approaches, and set forth a useful strategy. More details will be provided in a separate handout later in class.

**Course Grading:**

Course papers (2)	50%
Final Examination	30%
Class Participation	20%

**Preliminary Schedule of Class and Topics:**

Week 1 2/27-3/3	Introduction to the Course Globalization, Sustainable Development, and the New World Order Read: David Satterthwaite, "A New Urban World," (2005) Nancy Birdsall, "Life is Unfair: Inequality in the World" (1998)
Week 2 3/6-3/10	Emergence of International Development Institutions in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Read: Doug Brandow and Ian Vasquez, "Introduction: The Dismal Legacy and False Promise of Multilateral Aid" (1994) Jean Krasno, "Founding the United Nations: An Evolutionary Process," pg. 19-45 Joe Sills, "The United Nations and the Formation of Global Goals," pg. 47-76. Amartya Sen, <i>Development as Freedom</i> (1999)
Week 3 3/13/-317	Complete Project Assignment #1 Mainstreaming Women and Gender in International Development Approaches/Gender Analysis in Development Planning Gale Summerfield, "Gender and Development: Transforming the Process" (2002) Hahid Aslanbeigui and Gale Summerfield, "The Asian Crisis, Gender and the International Financial Architecture" (2000) Murphy, <i>Mainstreaming Gender in World Bank Lending</i> (1997)
Week 4 3/20-3/24	United Nations and the Response to Global Poverty and Development K. Klarreich and L. Polman, "The NGO Republic of Haiti," <i>The Nation</i> , November 9, 2012, pg. 11-17 J. Fomerand, "Agent of Change? The United Nations and Development," pg. 163-191. Amy Wilentz, "Letter from Haiti," <i>The Nation</i> , January 28, 2013. Mallach-Brown, <i>The Unfinished Global Revolution</i> (2012)
Week 5 3/27-3/31	World Bank and Development Approaches <i>World Bank Development Report, 2010: Development and Climate Change</i> <i>World Bank Development Report, 2011: Conflict, Security, and Development</i> Edmund Andrews, "World Bank: Debt Relief Plan Approved," (2005) Robert Thompson, "Rural Development: Challenges in the Next Century," (1999) Caroline M. Robb, "Impact of the PPA," and "Emerging Good Practice," pg. 23-85 (2002). Struyk, <i>Making Aid Work</i> (1997) – power point
Week 6 4/3-4/7	Presentation of Project Assignment #2 Decentralization, Democracy and Good Governance as Development Beard, Miraftab and Silver, <i>Planning and Decentralization</i> (select chapters) Camille Barnett, et. al, "Democratic Decentralization" (1997) Sachs, <i>The Age of Sustainable Development</i> (2015)

Week 7 4/10-4/14	Participatory Planning Processes: Tyranny or Empowering? Discuss Hickey and Mohan, <i>Participation: From Tyranny to Transformation?</i> Designing/Critiquing Technical Assistance Projects Read Linda Farthing and Benjamin Kohl, "Conflicting Agendas: The Politics of Development Aid in Drug-Producing Areas," <i>Development Policy Review</i> 23 (2005): 183-198.
Week 8 4/17-4/21	Critical Issue Appraisals Final examination

### **Final Examination:**

There will be a final examination which requires students to integrate and apply the ideas, methods and data derived from all of the course material. It is a take home examination and is open book, thereby enabling students to make full use of all course materials. The approach is to have you apply the course materials to real and hypothetical situations likely to be confronted in the world of practice in international development. Due dates and guidelines for preparing answers will be provided by the instructor in class.

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