

# IDEV\*3000: POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

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## Course Description

This course explores the nature and determinants of poverty and inequality at the local and global levels and the interrelationship between these. It examines the patterns and dynamics of poverty and inequality, for example over time and geographically. In so doing, it explores the nature and practical application of alternative approaches to their assessment and measurement. Students will reflect on and critically assess diverse approaches to reducing poverty and inequality locally and globally.

## Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, successful students will be able to:

1. Identify and analyze the nature and determinants of poverty and inequality at the local and global levels and links to alternative theoretical perspectives on development and to the wider development landscape.
2. Compare and assess alternative approaches to reducing poverty and inequality at the local and global levels.
3. Design, implement and assess the output of specific qualitative and quantitative research methods for the analysis of poverty and inequality and the impact of related development policies and practices.
4. Summarize and communicate, in written and oral form, the analysis of poverty and inequality and the impact of related development policies and practices.

## Readings

The required text for the course is:

- Ravallion, M. (2016). *The Economics of Poverty: History, Measurement and Policy*. Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Readings for each week are defined below. Any readings aside from the required text will be posted on Courselink.