



**COLLEGE of SOCIAL AND
APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES**

GUELPH INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

COURSE: IDEV*2000: The Development Landscape: Actors and Institutions

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the local and global context within which inclusive and sustainable development takes place. It explores why particular economic, social, political and institutional structures are in place and the implications of those structures for inclusive and sustainable development. Key issues will include global institutions, religion, the global economy, natural and physical environment, gender, urbanization, power structures, aid architecture, nature of non-governmental organizations, local and international business, governance and fragility, and corruption.

Prerequisites: IDEV*1000 or POLS*1150

FALL 2020 COURSE DELIVERY FORMAT

This class is designed as an in-class lecture, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be delivered in an alternative format in the Fall 2020 semester. It is classified as *Asynchronous* (AD-A; REMOTE), which means that learning happens without the need for real-time interaction. This term, IDEV*2000 has no requirement for attendance at a specific time or location for any activities or exams. The course website is hosted on [CourseLink](#), which acts as the classroom environment. Weekly lectures and readings, assignments and assessments will be posted on CourseLink, and students can access the materials and satisfy these requirements prior to the posted deadlines based on their own schedule. It is recommended that students log in to the course website multiple times a week to check for announcements, access course materials, and review the weekly schedule and requirements. Please note that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic may necessitate a revision of the format of course offerings and academic schedules. Any such changes will be announced via CourseLink and/or class email. All University-wide decisions will be posted on the [COVID-19 website](#) and circulated by email.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- (1) Identify key actors and institutions that shape the development landscape.
- (2) Describe the evolution of the development landscape from the 20th to the 21st century.
- (3) Recognize power relations and the relative strengths and weaknesses associated with national, regional and global stakeholders.
- (4) Understand the interplay of political, economic and social factors in shaping development outcomes.
- (5) Conduct a structured stakeholder analysis.

EVALUATION

Assessment	Weight
Mini-Quizzes	20%
Midterm Exam	25%
Term Paper	25%
Final Exam	30%

REQUIRED READINGS

Textbook

Haslam, Paul, Jessica Schafer, and Pierre Beaudet, eds. 2017. *Introduction to International Development: Approaches, Actors and Issues*. 3rd edition. Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press.

Book for the term paper

Perkins, John. 2016. *The New Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*. Oakland, CA: Berrett-Koehler Publishers.

Additional Weekly Material

Students will be required to access additional electronic resources students will be required to access through the Ares Course Reserves System.

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Illness

The University will not require verification of illness (doctor's notes) for the fall 2020 or winter 2021 semesters.