



**COLLEGE of SOCIAL AND
APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES**

GUELPH INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

COURSE: IDEV*2300

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

IDEV*2300 explores alternative theoretical perspectives on national and international development, drawing from an interdisciplinary lens of economics, sociology, geography and political science, amongst others. In so doing, students will examine how theoretical perspectives have changed over time how they differ according to alternative disciplinary and philosophical perspectives. They will explore how dominant theoretical perspectives on development at any point in time influence policy and practice aimed at bringing about development that is inclusive and sustainable.

WINTER 2021 COURSE DELIVERY FORMAT

AD/S

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The course is divided into three parts. **Part One** considers the “grand theories” of development, tracing the political economy of capitalist development in Europe and in various non-European settings. Insights about the nature and scale of European capitalism will inform our understanding of European colonialism, which at its zenith forced a liberalization whose parallels are comparable with contemporary globalization. **In Part Two**, we consider the strategies that national leaders used to manage and plan national economic development during two critical phases: (1) the period immediately following the end of the Second World War; and (2) the period following the debt crises of the 1980s. Comparative and historical insights about these experiences will inform theoretical perspectives about globalization and the political economy of development in the contemporary era. Finally, in **Part Three**, we explore the “alternative” visions that have emerged in critical response to development, including postmodernism, postcolonialism, post-development, feminism and ecological perspectives on planetary sustainability.

EVALUATION

Participation: 20%

Critical reflection papers: 40%

Final take home assignment: 40%

REQUIRED READINGS

There is one required text for the course:

Richard Peet and Elaine Hartwick (2015) *Theories of Development* Third Edition New York: Guilford Press

All of the other readings (including journal articles and book chapters) will be made available in electronic format.