

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**  
WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
GRADUATE PROGRAM

**WWS 572c: Development Ethics**

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Tuesday 1-4 p.m.

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***Course Objectives:***

Whose perspectives define what constitutes development? What values inform public action? What histories and values shape institutions – from the local to the multilateral? In our thinking and our public action, how do we integrate the needs and perspectives of those peoples, countries and regions that have been historically discriminated or excluded?

This course will take you deep into these questions and broaden your understanding about the ethics of development. It is structured around the belief that the theory and practice of development needs to be grounded in a historical, ethical, normative and ecological framework. It has now become evidently clear that development is not measured by economic growth alone. Countries with high growth may neglect the health and education of their citizens. Those with social and economic difficulties may have truly inspiring social programs. What then defines an ethically grounded development? The course will also address this question in the complex issues of North-South relations, of consumption, of the social nature of knowledge acquisition and production, of our relationship and attitudes to Nature, of the “insider” and the “outsider,” and of well-being.

The readings have been selected to provide an introduction to development theory, to the diverse perspectives on development ethics and to the numerous ways in which development is being redefined based on an increasingly ethical framework. For the more adventurous, also included are additional recommendations, particularly for the opening weeks. Interspersed in the readings are brief literary pieces.

***Course Requirements:***

Each week, two students will be responsible for writing a brief commentary on the readings of the week. Please note that what are expected are a commentary and not a summary of the readings. All others will be required to carefully read the weekly assignments, and, contribute actively to the discussions in class. ***Paper:*** The final paper – 25-30 pages – should be on a development policy issue. The paper, while providing an analysis of: the political, social and economic context as well as the diverse institutions and actors, should highlight the ethical dilemmas and present recommendations for development policy and practice. I will actively work with you to identify issues and sharpen the topic.

***Grading:*** Brief reviews: 30%; Participation: 30%; Final paper: 40%

## **Feb. 1: Situating Development Ethics - I**

D. Acemoglu, S. Johnson, and J. Robinson. 2001. "The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation," *American Economic Review*, 91(5): 1369-1401.

Caroline B. Brettell and Carolyn F. Sargent. 1997. "Colonialism, Development, and the Global Economy." In *Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Caroline B. Brettell and Carolyn F. Sargent (Eds.). Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall. 466-471

Henry Bernstein. "Colonialism, Capitalism, Development", in T. Allen and A. Thomas *Poverty and Development into the 21st Century*.

Magnus Blomstrom and Bjorn Hettne. 1985. "The Emergence of Modern Development Theory." *Development Theory in Transition*. London: Zed Books. 8-26.

Amartya Sen. *Development as Freedom*. Introduction, 3-19.

### **Recommended:**

Richard Peet and Michael Watts. 1993. "Introduction: Development Theory and Environment in an Age of Market Triumphalism." *Economic Geography*, 69(3): 227-253.

G. Ranis. 2004. "The Evolution of Development Thinking: Theory and Policy." Economic Growth Center Discussion Paper No. 886, Yale University.

United Nations Development Program. 2003. Human Development Report. Introduction. United Nations.

Gilbert Rist. 1999. "Development: Origins of a Notion" and "The Invention of Development." Ch. 3 & 4. In Rist, *The History of Development*. London: Zed Books, London.

Richard Peet. 1997. "Economic Theories of Growth and Development." Ch. 3. In Peet, *Theories of Development*, N.Y.: Guilford Press.

## **Feb. 8: Situating Development Ethics - II**

Herman E. Daly. 1996. "Introduction." In Daly, *Beyond Growth: the Ethics of Sustainable Development*. Boston: Beacon Press.

Arturo Escobar. 1995. *Encountering Development: The Making and Unmaking of the Third World*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 3-17.

Wolfgang Sachs. 1992. "Introduction." In Wolfgang Sachs (ed.). *The Development Dictionary: A Guide to Knowledge as Power*. New York: St. Martin's Press. 1-5.

Gustavo Esteva. 1992. "Development." In Wolfgang Sachs (ed.). *The Development Dictionary: A Guide to Knowledge as Power*. New York: St. Martin's Press. 6-25.

Susan George. 1997. How the poor develop the rich. In *The Post-Development Reader*. Majid Rahnema and Victoria Bawtree (eds.). London: Zed Books Ltd. Pp. 207-213.

D. Crocker. 1991. Toward Development Ethics, *World Development*, 19: 5: 457-83 (461-8).

Denis Goulet. 1995. "Goals of Development," and "Strategic Principles." In *Development Ethics*. London: Zed Books. 37-63.

**Recommended:**

Norman Hicks and Paul Streeten. 1995. "Indication of Development." In Vijayan K. Pillai and Lyle W. Shannon (Eds.). *Developing Areas: A Book of Readings and Research*. Providence: Berg Publishers. 31-44.

P. Singer, 1993. "Rich and Poor." In Singer, *Practical Ethics*, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

David C. Korten. 1995. "Adjusting the Poor." In Korten, *When Corporations Rule the World*. Bloomfield, CT: Kumarian Press. 159-172.

**Feb. 15: Development and Poverty**

Oscar Lewis. 1993. "The Culture of Poverty." In Mitchell A. Seligson and J. Passe-Smith. *Development and Underdevelopment. The Political Economy of Inequality*. Lynne Rienner.

Mitchell A. Seligson. 1993. "The Dual Gaps: An Overview of Theory and Research." In Seligson and Passé-Smith. 3-8.

John T. Passé-Smith. 1993. "The Persistence of the Gap between Rich and Poor Countries: Taking Stock of World Economic Growth, 1960-1993." In Seligson and Passé-Smith. 27-40.

A. Frank. 1988. "The Development of Underdevelopment" in Charles K. Wilber (Ed.), *The Political Economy of Development and Underdevelopment*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., New York: Random House Business Division. 109-120.

Lakshman Yapa. 1996. "What Causes Poverty" in *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*. 86: 707-728.

Nanda Shrestha. 1997. "On 'What Causes Poverty'" with Yapa's response). *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*. 87: 709-722.

**Recommended:**

"First Principles of Development," by Andrew S. Natsios, Heritage Foundation Lecture (745) delivered on April 25, 2002.

Wouter Van Dieren (Ed.). 1995. "The Role of Social Indicators." *Taking Nature into Account. A Report to the Club of Rome*. New York: Springer-Verlag. 157-66.

**Feb. 22: Development, Gender and Equity**

Linda Y.C. Lim. 1997. Capitalism, Imperialism, and Patriarchy: The Dilemma of the Third World Women Workers in Multinational Factories. In Nalini Visvanathan et al. (Eds.). *The Women, Gender and Development Reader*. London: Zed Books. 216-229.

Julia Cleves Mosse. 1993. "Why Development is a Gender Issue." Ch.2. In *Half the World, Half a Chance: An Introduction to Gender and Development*. Oxford: Oxfam. 9-28.

Margaret C. Snyder and Mary Tadesse. 1995. "Development Models and Women's Movements: Theories and Approaches." In *African Women and Development: A History*. London: Zed Books Ltd. 5-19.

Bina Agarwal. 1994. Gender and Command over Property: A Critical Gap in Economic Analysis and Policy in South Asia. *World Development* 22 (10): 1455- 1479.

B. Harriss-White. 2000. Gender, Capital and Co-operative Control. *Cambridge Commonwealth Lecture*: [www.qeh.ox.ac.uk](http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk) (Working papers).

C. Jackson. 2000. "Men's Work, Masculinities and Gender Divisions of Labour." *Journal of Development Studies* 36:1: 89-108

### **March 1: Consumption**

Robert Wade. 2004. "Is Globalization Reducing Poverty and Inequality?" *World Development* 32 (4): 567-589

Fernandez-Kelly, Maria Patricia 1997. Maquiladoras: The View from the Inside (Ch.18). In *The Women*,

Thomas W. Pogge. "A Global Resources Dividend. In David Crocker and Toby Linded (Eds.) *Ethics of Consumption: The Good Life, Justice, and Global Stewardship*, Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, Ch. 25, 501-536.

### **March 8: The Ecological Imperative**

Altwater, Elmar 1990. The foundations of life (nature) and the maintenance of life (work): the relations between ecology and economics in the crisis. *International Journal of Political Economy* 20: 10-34.

Wolfgang Sachs, et.al. 2002. The Jo'burg Memo: Fairness in a Fragile World. Heinrich Boll Foundation. 9 – 24. Available at: <http://www.joburgmemo.org>

Robin Broad and John Cavanagh, 1993. "Generation Lost." *Plundering Paradise. The Struggle for the Environment in the Philippines*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Susanna Hecht and Alexander Cockburn. *The Fate of the Forest*. pages

Robert Sutcliffe. "Development after Ecology." In J. Timmons Roberts and Amy Hite, (Eds.). *From Modernization to Globalization: Perspectives on Development and Social Change*. Oxford: Blackwell. 328-339.

### **Recommended:**

Russell Keat. 1997. "Values and Preferences in Neo-Classical Environmental Economics." In *Valuing Nature. Economics, Ethics and Environment*. London: Routledge. 32-47.

Michael Jacobs. "Environmental Valuation, Deliberative Democracy and Public Decision-Making." In *Valuing Nature. Economics, Ethics and Environment*. London: Routledge. 211-231.

Wouter Van Dieren (Ed.). 1995. "Taking Nature into Account. Conclusions and Recommendations." *Taking Nature into Account. A Report to the Club of Rome*. New York: Springer-Verlag. 257-295.

### **March 22: Development, the Global and Local**

International Forum on Globalization. 2002. "A Critique of Corporate Globalization." In *Alternatives to Economic Globalization*. San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler Publishers. 54-78

Loomis, Terrence M. 2000. Indigenous Populations and Sustainable Development: Building on Indigenous Approaches to Holistic, Self-Determined Development. *World Development* 28 (5): 893-910.

A. Agarwal. 1995. Dismantling the divide between indigenous and scientific knowledge. *Development and Change* 26: 413-439.

## **FINALISE PAPER TOPICS**

### **March 29: The Practice of Development**

James Scott. 1998. "Introduction" and "Nature and Space." In Scott, *Seeing Like a State. How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition have Failed*. 1-8 and 22-52.

C. Gore. 2000. "The Rise and Fall of the Washington Consensus as a Paradigm for Developing Countries," *World Development* 28:5: 789-804

J. Rapley. 2002. *Understanding Development: Theory and Practice in the Third World*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers

D. Gasper. Anecdotes, Situations, Histories -- Varieties and Uses of Cases in Thinking about Ethics and Development Practice. Institute of Social Studies - The Hague, Working Paper Series from Institute of Social Studies - The Hague, Working Paper Series.

D. Gasper. 1996. Needs and Basic Needs - a Clarification of Foundational Concepts for Development Ethics and Policy. In G. Kohler, C. Gore et al.(Eds.), *Questioning Development*. Marburg: Metropolis Verlag. 71-101

### **April 5: The Practice of Development**

Robert Chambers. 1983. "Rural Poverty Unperceived." *Rural Development. Putting the Last First*. New York: John Wiley and Sons. 1-46.

J. Harriss. 2002. Depoliticising Development.

Peter Taylor. 2000. "Producing More with Less? Community Forestry in Durango, Mexico in an Era of Trade Liberalization" *Rural Sociology* 65:2:253-274.

Lourdes Beneria. 1998. "Accounting for Women's Work: The Progress of Two Decades." In *The Changing Nature of Work*. Frank Ackerman et al. (eds.) Washington DC: Island Press. 319-323.

Betsy Hartmann. 1995. "Security and Survival" and "The Malthusian Orthodoxy." In *Reproductive Rights and Wrongs: Global Politics of Population Control*. Boston, MA: South End Press. 3-12 and 13-40.

### **Recommended**

Barbara Miller. 1997. Female Infanticide and Child Neglect in Rural North India. In *Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective*. Caroline B. Brettell and Carolyn F. Sargent (eds.) Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall. Pp. 453-465.

### **April 12: International Aid**

Graham Hancock. 1989. "Development Incorporated." In *Lords of Poverty*. 37-75

Emma Crewe and Elizabeth Harrison. 1998. "Development Aid: Successes and Failures." In *Whose Development?: An Ethnography of Aid*. London: Zed Books. 1-24.

Denis Goulet. "Development Experts: the One-Eyed Giants." *World Development*, 8: 481-489.

Pierre De Senarchlens. 1997. How the United Nations Promotes Development through Technical Assistance. In *The Post-Development Reader*. Majid Rahnema and Victoria Bawtree (Eds.). London: Zed Books. 190-203.

Judith Tendler. 1989. What Ever Happened to Poverty Alleviation? *World Development* 17: 1033-44.

Slim, H., 1997a. Doing the Right Thing - Relief Agencies, Moral Dilemmas and Moral Responsibility in Political Emergencies and War. *Disasters*. 21:3: 244-57. (Longer version: Studies on Emergencies and Disaster Relief, No. 6, Uppsala: Nordiska Afrikainstitutet).

Michael Edwards and David Hulme. 1996. Too Close for Comfort? The Impact of Official Aid on Nongovernmental Organizations. *World Development* 26 (6): 961-973.

Alan Fowler. 2000. NGDOs as a Moment in History: Beyond Aid to Social Entrepreneurship or Civic Innovation? *Third World Quarterly* 21 (4): 637-654.

### **April 19: The International Normative Framework**

A. Portes. 1998. "Social Capital: Its Origins and Applications in Modern Sociology," *Annual Review of Sociology*, 24: 1-24.

Robert Putnam. 1993. "The Prosperous Community: Social Capital and the Public Life," *The American Prospect*, 13: 35-42.

B. Campbell. 2000. "New Rules of the Game: The World Bank's Role in the Construction of New Normative Frameworks for States, Market and Social Exclusion." *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*. 21:1: 7-30.

Will Kymlicka. 2001. "Indigenous Rights and Environmental Justice." *Politics in the Vernacular. Nationalism, Multiculturalism, and Citizenship*. Oxford: OUP. 133-151.

R. Scott Appleby, "Serving Two Masters? Affirming Religious Belief and Human Rights in a Pluralistic World," in Carlson and Owens, *The Sacred and the Sovereign*. 170-195.

Bryant L. Myers. 1999. *Walking with the Poor: Principles and Practices of Transformational Development*. Maryknoll: Orbis. 111-136.

### **April 26: Towards an Ethical Development**

International Forum on Globalization. 2002. "Ten Principles for Sustainable Societies." In *Alternatives to Economic Globalization*. San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler Publishers. 17-53.

Michael Schuman. 1998. "Introduction" and "Making History." In Schuman, *Going Local. Creating Self-Reliant Communities in a Global Age*. New York: The Free Press. 1-29, 171-203.

Anthony Bebbington and Denise Bebbington. 2001. "Development Alternatives: Practice, Dilemmas and Theory." *Area* 33 (1): 7-17.

Jonathan Fox and John Gershman. 2000. The World Bank and Social Capital: Lessons from Ten Rural Development Projects in the Philippines and Mexico. *Policy Sciences* 33: 399-419.

Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics*, Introduction and Conclusions. 1-38, 199-217.

Noel Castree and Bruce Braun 1998. The Construction of Nature and the Nature of Construction Analytical and Political Tools for Building Survivable Futures. In Noel Castree and Bruce Braun (Eds.) *Remaking Reality: Nature at the Millenium*. London: Routledge. 3-42.

James Petras. 2003. *The New Development Politics*. "Brazil's Rural Landless Workers' Movement: Ten Hypothesis on Successful Leadership" Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishing. 109-123.

### **Recommended:**

Anisur Rahman. 1992. People's Self Development, pp.167-180 in Paul Ekins & Manfred Max-Neef (Eds.). *Real-Life Economics*. London: Routledge.

Robert Chambers. 1983. "The New Professionalism. Putting the Last First." *Rural Development. Putting the Last First*. New York: John Wiley and Sons. 1-46.

Philip Porter and Eric Sheppard. 1998. *A World of Difference: Society, Nature, Development*. New York and London: Guilford Press.

James McCarthy. 2002. First World Political Ecology: Lessons from the Wise Use Movement. *Environment and Planning*, 34: 1281-1302.