



**POLS*6730 Development and Global Justice
Department of Political Science**

Credit Weighting: 0.5

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GENERAL DETAILS

POLS*6730 Development and Global Justice takes students on an in-depth learning adventure into the politics of development that envelops our lives and sets the limits of the possible for the realization of ideas about justice and rights. We will study Western and non-Western conceptual, theoretical, and empirical perspectives on the politics of development, and focus on appeals to global justice. This course advances Political Science and Graduate Studies learning outcomes related to (i) critical and creative thinking (inquiry and analysis); (ii) literacy (information literacy); (iii) global understanding; (iv) communicating (oral and written); and (v) professional and ethical behaviour (leadership). On the latter two outcomes specifically, this course aims to enhance the capacity of students to communicate political information and argumentation. It does so through encouraging students to present their ideas, arguments and research in several different professional formats that are standard in this field.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course students should be able to convincingly answer the following questions: What are the limitations and strengths of the various Western and non-Western theories and concepts covered in the course vis-a-vis 'development' and 'global justice'? How do the approaches to understanding development and global justice covered this term help us to better comprehend global efforts to reform or transform development institutions, policies, and practices to advance global justice? What are the principal political challenges to reforming the development assistance framework, development finance and the world trading system in ways that might facilitate social or economic development or global justice? In what ways, if any, have civil society organizations and businesses changed the politics of development and contributed to and/or detracted from the realization of global justice over the past decades? What different types of state development models or collaborative inter-state initiatives aiming to facilitate development, if any, have contributed to the realization of global justice?

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

- leading and facilitating a weekly seminar session - 15%
- seminar participation - 20%
- book review - 15%
- policy brief - 20%
- op-ed - 10%
- take home reflective assignment - 20%

REQUIRED READING

Slow Down: The Degrowth Manifesto - Kohei Saito (published January 9 2024) \$24.95CAD (on reserve)

Hidden Politics in the UN SDGs \$24CAD

A selection of readings on the politics of development and global justice available via the Ares system/Courselink