School of Social Sciences course summary

Semester 1, 2016

ARTS3755 Advanced Development

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Summary of the course
What is the future of international development? What are the main development challenges that lie ahead? Each year you will be able to explore significant global trends that are affecting the policy, principles and practices of international development. On the basis of different case studies you will be able to explore the historical origin of contemporary policy debates in light of the most recent evidence and practice and learn how to evaluate development outcomes. The course focus changes slightly every year in order to address the most pressing contemporary issues. This could include forced migration; the shifting geography of poverty; urbanization; the role of the private sector in development; sustainable development and the challenge to building inclusive states and societies. Through an examination of this issue, you will learn how to interpret and critically assess quantitative and qualitative data to understand the dynamics of the problem, and critically analyse policy responses, initiatives and action by different development actors. You will develop research and communication skills applicable in the development sector.

This semester the course will focus on forced migration and urbanisation. We will explore the causes and consequences of forced migration, and the intersecting challenge of urbanisation, for refugees, internally displaced persons and those who are forcibly relocated by ‘development’ projects. The effectiveness of policy frameworks and protection responses in urban displacement will also be considered.

Course learning outcomes
1. Describe, discuss and analyse continuities and changes in international development policy and practice.
2. Access, interpret and critically assess the latest qualitative and quantitative data relevant to international development.
3. Critically assess and evaluate responses to complex development problems.
4. Select and apply appropriate theoretical frameworks in order to understand and explain significant trends in international development.

Assessment

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For the purpose of attendance monitoring, the final assessment for this course is The Critical Research Reflection worth 10% of your overall grade for this course. This is the assessment item that will be graded at zero if you do not meet the attendance requirement for this course (see https://socialsciencesarts.unsw.edu.au/students/resources/policies-guidelines/).

The full course outline will be available in Moodle in Orientation (O) Week, from Monday 22 February 2016.