

Development in a Global Context

Lecture time: Tuesdays: 9:30am-11am (CST) / 5:30pm-7:00pm
(non-mandatory, recorded for asynchronous viewing)

Working discussion: Thursdays 9:30am-11am (CST) / 5:30pm-7:00pm (AST)
(mandatory)"

This seminar presents a critical overview of the history, operation and structure of non-profits, NGOs and development organizations. It introduces students to concepts such as cultural humility that will help students to build the skills necessary to operate ethically and reflexively in complex transnational work environments. Particular attention is paid to the ethical and sociological orientation of such organizations, as a means to inform students' experiences working remotely for small nonprofits around the world. Students will incorporate what they learn from their experience as interns for nonprofit/NGOs and extrapolate from it using the concepts learned through readings and participatory lectures. This will be paired with collaborative team-building and decision-making role-play scenarios. These goal-oriented activities will expand the experiential course model, challenging students to engage with the multiple entanglements and social realities involved in the work of nonprofits/NGOs through a primarily flipped classroom model. In this course, we will explore: How are these interventions grounded on moral and political ideology? Moreover, how do international development projects construct their communities of intervention? The aim of the course is therefore not to provide simplistic answers in condemnation or celebration of nonprofits/non-governmental organizations, but to engage seriously with the complexities of this industry and its variable impact upon communities around the world. "

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COURSE OBJECTIVES"

To think critically about development concepts, paradigms, and institutions;50 02 () -0.2 (d

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Week 7:

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How do non-profits and development organizations set goals, plan projects and make decisions? This session explores the institutional, bureaucratic and relational work that underlie development and non-profit work. And we look at how decisions are made in NGOs, including at efforts to engage diverse stakeholders in decision making."

Mosse, David. 2005.

. London: Pluto Press. Ch. 5 "Implementation: Regime and Relationships"

Renz, D.O. & Herman, R.D. eds. 2016.

Fourth Edition. (excerpts)

Homann-Kee Tui, S. et, al. 2013.

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Platforms Practice Brief 1. Nairobi, Kenya: ILRI.

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Week 8: Funding, Structure, Evaluation "

The history of nonprofits, their funding structures, and the expansion of the business sector model into all forms of social organization have placed nonprofits in a series of binds. How is it that nonprofits sustain themselves, yet also attempt to fulfill their mission? How do engaging with such contradictions in the model allow for a path forward?

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not necessarily match good outcomes. By now, you should be reflecting on your specific project, and your particular subject position can productively interphase with issues of inequality, development, and participation-driven social change at your GESI site, and beyond. "

Green, Duncan. 2016. . "Chapter 2: Power Lies at the Heart of Change." Oxford UP."

Hobbes, Michael. "Stop Trying to Save the World: Big Ideas are Destroying International Development." , November 17, 2014."

Schuller, Mark. 2012. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press. Chapters TBD."

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Week 10: Participation and Community-Led Development"

What is your assessment of community-based development as an approach to development and social change? What do you think community-based, participatory development approaches can do well and what do they not do well? To what extent are these approaches scalable? Under what conditions? What are the implications for community development work at home and abroad? Does this newfound drive motivate you to take action in some way? Are there communities, organizations or opportunities you want to get connected with?"

Spade, D. (2020). Solidarity Not Charity Mutual Aid for Mobilization and Survival. , (1 (142)), 131-151.

Biruk, C., & Trapence, G. (2018). "Community engagement in an economy of harms: Reflections from an LGBTI-rights NGO in Malawi." , (3), 340-351.

Green, Darren. 2016. . "Chapter 2: Power Lies at the Heart of Change." Oxford UP.

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