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Contemporary development issues and debates 756 (GSO 756)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	20.00
Programmes	BSocSciHons Development Studies
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 other contact session per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Anthropology and Archaeology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The module provides a critical analysis of contemporary development themes currently dominating development debates and the world of development practice. Particular attention is given to development strategies and practices in the post-development theory impasse era, as well as development challenges and their manifestation in the 21st century. The module will take students through a journey in post-1980s/1990s development, and explores in depth the future prospect of development. Topical themes include grassroots development, gender and development, democracy and governance, food security, climate change and local adaptation, migration and development, disaster and humanitarian emergencies. It will also cover initiatives like the MDGs and the SDGs to demonstrate changing emphasis in development practice.

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