

Politics of Development: Seminars (K001351)

Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)

Credits 5.0

Study time 150 h

Contact hrs

45.0h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2022-2023

A (semester 2)

English

Gent

seminar

15.0h

self-reliant study activities

10.0h

guided self-study

10.0h

group work

10.0h

Lecturers in academic year 2022-2023

Martin de Almagro Iniesta, Maria

PS05

lecturer-in-charge

Ben Yakoub, Joachim

PS05

co-lecturer

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Van Acker, Tomas

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Weschler, Sara

PS05

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Offered in the following programmes in 2022-2023

[Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences\(main subject Political Science\)](#)

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offering

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[Master of Science in Conflict and Development Studies](#)

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A

[Exchange Programme in Political and Social Sciences](#)

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A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Due to Covid19, changes are possible with regards to teaching methods and evaluation methods

Development, inequality, power, imperialism, capitalism, neoliberalism and the state

Position of the course

This course allows students to apply the general theoretical frameworks of the course *Politics of Development* to concrete thematic and regional case studies and issues.

Contents

The course is organized around three learning goals: (1) develop the critical capacity of students to collectively and independently compare and assess theories and debates on development, inequality and power; (2) develop the critical capacity of students to collectively and independently apply theories of development, inequality and power to concrete thematic and regional case studies and issues. Students hereby choose one of five thematic modules. The learning goals are achieved by individual readings and collective discussions and presentations of key texts, thinkers, and schools on specific questions of development, inequality and power (3) Present these findings in a coherent paper and oral presentation.

Initial competences

This course cannot be followed as a separate course or an elective; unless the course is explicitly mentioned as a possible elective in your program. Considering the strong integration with the general course 'Politics of Development', this course can only be taken in conjunction with 'Politics of Development' or when 'Politics of Development' is successfully finished.

Final competences

- 1 **Critically compare** and **evaluate** different theories and concepts related to development, inequality and power. (OLR M.1.1., OLR M.3.2., OLR M.3.3.)
- 2 **Critically assess** contemporary discussions about development, inequality and power in the light of historical debates. (OLR M.1.4., OLR M.3.2., OLR M.3.3., OLR M.3.5., OLR M.5.1.)
- 3 **Debate** and **collaborate** orally with peers regarding readings of texts on general and specific issues of development, inequality and power (OLR M.1.4., OLR M.1.6., OLR M.3.3., OLR M.4.2., M.4.3., M.4.4.)
- 4 Jointly **write a report** with peers on specific political issues of development (OLR M.1.6., OLR M.3.3., OLR M.4.2., OLR M.4.3., OLR M.4.4.)
- 5 **Present** and **substantiate** an argument on specific political issues of development (OLR M.1.6., OLR M.3.1., OLR M.3.2., OLR M.4.3., OLR M.4.4.)

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Group work, Guided self-study, Seminar, Self-reliant study activities

Extra information on the teaching methods

The course consists of 4 seminars (12 hours, 4 seminars). These seminars are prepared through individual work and guided self-study in which the student receives specific assignments and/or readings to prepare for the seminar. Students also engage in group work independent from the teacher, discussing the texts, writing group and/or individual reports, and presenting/teaching their findings to the class group.

Learning materials and price

Online articles and book chapters that will be put online free of cost.

References

Depending of the actual theme of the seminar chosen

Course content-related study coaching

Q&A during classes.
Interactive counselling through UFORA.
Individual consulting-hours on demand.

Assessment moments

continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Participation, Oral examination, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

Assignments consist of individual and/or group assignments, which take the form of reports, papers, blog entries and/or videos. Deadlines and criteria are announced via UFORA.
Oral exam consists of group presentations during the seminars. Deadlines and criteria are announced via UFORA.
Individual participation will be evaluated during the four seminars. Data and criteria are announced via UFORA.

Second exam opportunities for continuous assessment: A written report can be submitted as a replacement for the continuous assessment.

Calculation of the examination mark

The final mark is based on the following weighting factors: assignments: 50% (10/20); oral exam: 40% (8/20); participation: 10% (2/20).
If there is clearly a different input from different group members, then the final mark per student

belonging to the same group can still differ.

The deadlines for assignments must be respected. If not, a mark can be deducted from the total.

Students have who eschew one or more parts of the evaluation can no longer pass the course.

Final scores will be reduced to the highest non-deliberative quotation (7/20) if the final score would be higher than 7/20. When the student scores less than 10/20 for at least one of the components, he/she can no longer pass the entire course unit. If the total score is a mark of ten or more out of twenty, then this is reduced to the highest failing mark (9/20).

Facilities for Working Students

Possibility to make an appointment for feedback during and after office hours after consultation with the lecturer-in-charge. A written report can be submitted as a replacement for the continuous assessment.