

POSTGRADUATE OFFICIAL PROGRAM (POP)
INTERNATIONAL MASTER IN PEACE, CONFLICTS AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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MAA062: Human Rights and Cooperation for Development
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1. Course Title:

The course titled is “**Human Rights and Development**”. This course deals with the human rights approach to development, the multicultural aspects of development and the problems posed by different agents such as multinational companies in relation to development and sustainability.

2. Lecturers:

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3. Methodology:

The course will run from Monday to Friday (19th October-7th December)There will be 15 seminars. Each meeting will take the form of a short lecture presentation followed by a discussion of the topic and of the reading material scheduled for that meeting.

Attendance at the seminars is compulsory. If a student is unable to attend he or she should inform the lecturer, if it is possible, prior to the seminar.

You will be expected to participate fully in the seminars. Prior to each seminar, students are expected to read the materials provided on the reading list and participate in the discussions following the presentation of the topic.

**Seminar 1,
19th November:
Introduction**

Presentation and introduction to the course

**Seminar 2 and 3
20th November and 21st November
The meaning of development**

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Reading materials:

1. Sen, Amartya, *Development as Freedom*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1999.
2. Jennifer L. Beard, *The Political Economy of Desire*, Routledge, New York, 2007.
3. Potter, Robert B.; Binns, Tony; Elliot, Jennifer A.; Smith, Davis, "Questioning development" in *Geographies of development*, Pearson, London, 2004

**Seminar 4,
22nd November
The relationship between human rights and development**

Reading materials:

4. Hamm, Brigitte I. "A Human Rights Approach to Development": *Human rights Quarterly*, vol. 23, 2001, pp. 1005-1031.
5. Sengupta, Arjun, "On the Theory and Practice of the Right to Development" *Human Rights Quarterly*, vol 24, 2002, pp. 837-889.
6. Balakrishnan Rajagopal, *International Law from below*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2003

**Seminar 5,
23rd November
Development and Democracy**

Reading materials:

- 7 Sen, Amartya, *Development as Freedom*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1999
- 8 Donnelly, Jack, *Human Rights, Democracy and Development*, HRQ, 1999
- 9 *New Political Economy, Debate: Democracy and Development.*

**Seminar 6,
26th November
Development and the periphery: indigenous peoples and women**

Reading materials:

- 10 Pigg, Stacy “Found in Most Traditional Societies” in Cooper, Frederick; Packard, Randall (ed.) *International Development and the Social Sciences*, University of California Press, Berkeley, 1998.
- 11 Nussbaum, Martha C.. *Women and Human Development*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge , 2000.
- Documentary Our Land, Our Future (OXFAM)

**Seminar 7:
27th November
Development and non-state actors**

Reading materials:

- 12 Amat, Sangeeta, NGOs and the New democracy, *Harvard International Review*, Spring 2003.
- 13 Stubbs, Paul, International non-state actors and social development policy, *Global Social Policy*, vol. 3, N 3, 2003, pp. 319-348.

**Seminar 8:
28th November**

Conclusions

**Seminar 9
29th November
Human Rights and Development at Corporate Level; current challenges for development**

Reading material:

- 14 Reed, A & Reed, D (2004) *Corporate social responsibility and Human Development: towards a new agenda and Beyond*
- 15 Ajit, S (2003) *CSR from a Developmental Perspective*. Summaries of Presentations Made at the UNRISD Conference

**Seminar 10:
30th November**

Human Rights and business: is there any place for human rights?

Reading material:

- 16 Why all companies should address human rights – Business & Human Rights Resource Centre

**Seminar 11:
3rd December**

Social Responsibility in the Business Agenda

Reading material:

- 17 Colman, R (2005) *Corporate Social Responsibility – where do we really stand?* CMA Management journal

**Seminar 12:
4th December**

Human Rights and Non-state Actors

Reading material:

- 18 Alston, P (2005) *Non-State Actors and Human Rights*. Oxford University Press, Oxford, pp. 3-19
- 19 The Youth Commission's Human Right Framework (2002) Oxfam

**Seminar 13:
5th December**

Re-thinking Corporate Social Responsibility in a Developmental Context

Reading Material:

- 20 Tregidga, H & Milne, M (2006) From Sustainable Management to Sustainable Development. *Business Strategy and the Environment* 15, 219-241
- 21 UN Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (2004) *Managing the Corporate Social Responsibility for Rural Development in Least Developed Countries*.

**Seminar 14:
6th December**

Business Recognition of human rights: are businesses interested in recognising human rights

Reading material:

- 22 Ruggie, J (2006) *Business Recognition of human rights: Global Patterns, Regional and Sectoral variations*. Available at <http://www.reports-and-materials.org> or <http://www.un.org>

**Seminar 15:
7th December**

Documentary: The Corporation and Course Review

Film:

The Corporation (2003) Achbar, Abbott & Balkan. Web-page: <http://www.thecorporation.com/>

Further readings and materials:

- Alston, P *Non-State Actors and Human Rights*. Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2005
- Amnesty International's publication [The UN Human Rights Norms for Business: Towards Legal Accountability](#), 2004
- Cheverie, J. 'United States Court Finds Unocal May Be Liable for Aiding and Abetting Human Rights Abuses in Burma', Human Rights Brief, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, American University, Washington College of Law, 2002, Volume 10, Issue 1, p6
- Dessai, vandana; Potter, Robert B. (ed.) *The Companion to Development Studies*, Arnold, London, 2002
- Edelman, Marc; Haugerud, Angelique, *The Anthropology of Development and Globalization*, Blackwell, London, 2005
- Jägers, N. Corporate Human Rights Obligations: In Search of Accountability. School of Human Rights Research Series, volume 17. Intersentia, 2002
- Miller, A. 'Implications for Business and Human Rights?' New Academy Review, 2002, Vol.2 No.1 Spring
- Moir, L. "What do we mean by Corporate Social Responsibility". Corporate Governance 2001, 1,2 pp. 16-22
- Peet, Richard; Hartwick, Elaine, *Theories of Development*, Guilford Press, London, 1999.
- Phillips, R. '[Some key questions about stakeholder theory](#)': Ivey Business journal online, 2004
- Potter, Robert B.; Binns, Tony; Elliot, Jennifer A.; Smith , Davis, *Geographies of development*, Pearson, London, 2004.
- Uncontacted tribes, film
<http://www.survival-international.org/campaigns/uncontactedtribes>

International instruments

European Union: “Green Paper. Promoting a European Framework for Corporate Social Responsibility”, available at <http://europa.eu>

Report of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the Responsibilities of Transnational Corporations and Related Business Enterprises with Regard to Human Rights, E/CN.4/2005/91

The International Bill of Human Rights

The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development

The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

The Stockholm Declaration on the Human Environment

The UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

The UN Convention on the Right of the Child

The UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

The UN Declaration on the Right to Development

The Vienna Convention on the Law of the Treaties

Useful websites

<http://www.un.org>

<http://www.unhcr.ch>

<http://www.icrc.org>

<http://www.business-humanrights.org>

<http://www.eldis.org/static/DOC13036.htm>

http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/soc-dial/csr/

www.globalcompact.org

<http://web.amnesty.org>

<http://www.undp.org>

<http://www.ilo.org>