

Core Paper: Intellectual Traditions of Development

The Core Paper 'Intellectual Traditions of Development' will be offered in the Michaelmas term and will cover major theoretical and methodological approaches in the field of development studies. It will offer students the opportunity to learn about cutting edge scholarship and debates in development thinking and practice. Its main building blocks will include lectures around:

Race, Capital and Development

Sustainability

Rural Transformation

Food Security

Infrastructure-led Development

The Geopolitics of Global Development

Neoliberalism

Cities and Urbanisation

Global Inequalities

Mobility and Migration

Gender

The Future of Development

Indicative Reading List

Amanor, Kojo (2019) Global Value Chains and Agribusiness in Africa: Upgrading or Capturing Smallholder Production? *Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy*, 8(1-2), 30-63.

Jeffrey Herbst. (2000). *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press.

Balcells, L. and Kalyvas, S. (2014). Does Warfare Matter? Severity, Duration, and Outcomes of Civil Wars. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 58(8), 1390-1418.

Branch, A., and Mampilly, Z. (2015). *Africa Uprising: Popular Protest and Political Change*. London: Zed Books.

Chandhoke, Neera (1995). *State and Civil Society: Explorations in Political Theory*. Delhi: Sage Publications.

Clapp, Jennifer and S. Ryan Isakson (2018). "What is the Link Between Food and Finance?" In *Speculative Harvests: Financialization, Food and Agriculture* (pp. 1 -28). Manitoba: Fernwood Publishing.

- Davis, A. Y. (2012). *The Meaning of Freedom: And other Difficult Dialogues*. City Lights Publishers.
- De Sousa Santos, B. (2014). *Epistemologies of the South: Justice against epistemicide*. London: Routledge.
- Engels, F. (1985). *Condition of the Working Class in England*. W.W. Norton.
- Gallagher, K. P. and Kozul-Wright, R. (2022). *The Case for a New Bretton Woods*. Cambridge: Polity Press.
- Gready, P and Robins, S. (2017). Rethinking civil society and transitional justice: lessons from social movements and 'new' civil society. *The International Journal of Human Rights*, 21(7), 956-975.
- Hauge, J. (2021). Manufacturing-led development in the digital age: how power trumps technology. *Third World Quarterly* (online first).
- Hickel, Jason (2017). *The Divide*. (Chapter 3)
- Kabir, N Reversed Realities (1994). *Gender Hierarchies in Development Thought* Verso
- Logan, Amanda (2016). "Why Can't People Feed Themselves?" Archaeology as Alternative Archive of Food Security in Banda, Ghana. *American Anthropologist*, 118(3), 508-524.
- Mamdani, M (2018). *Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Late Colonialism*. Princeton University Press.
- McMichael, Philip and Mindi Schneider (2011). Food Security Politics and the Millennium Development Goals. *Third World Quarterly*, 32(1), 119-139.
- Roberts, A. and Lamp, N. (2021). *Six Faces of Globalization: Who Wins, Who Loses, and Why it Matters*. Cambridge (MA): Harvard University Press.
- Rodney, W. (2018). *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*. Verso Books.
- Rosenberg, N. (1982). *Inside the Black Box: Technology and Economics*. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Roy, A. (2009). Why India cannot plan its cities: Informality, insurgence and the idiom of urbanization. *Planning theory*, 8(1), 76-87.
- Scott, James C. (2010). *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia*. New Haven, Connecticut: Yale University Press.
- UNESCO. (2021). *Global education monitoring report: Non-state actors in education*.

Option Papers

Six to eight option papers will be offered during the Lent Term. The papers will offer students choice and the opportunity to go more in-depth into specialised topics in development studies, introduced in the Core Paper the previous term. These are samples of papers that have been offered previously. Please note that the topics of Option Papers are subject to change.

Food, Economy and Society

Clapp, J. 2022. Concentration and crises: exploring the deep roots of vulnerability in the global industrial food system. *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, pp.1-25.

Sen, A. 1983. *Poverty and Famines: An Essay on Entitlement and Deprivation*. OUP,

Critical Approaches to Sustainable Development

Adams, Bill. 2008. *Green development: Environment and sustainability in a developing world*. Routledge.

Resnick, Elana. 2025. *Refusing Sustainability: Race and Environmentalism in a Changing Europe*. Stanford University Press.

Political Economy of Money and Finance in Development

Alami, I. (2019). *Money Power and Financial Capital in Emerging Markets: Facing the Liquidity Tsunami*. London: Routledge.

Banks, G., & Overton, J. (2022). *Grounding financialisation: Development, inclusion, and agency*. *Area*, 54(2), 168-175.

Development Economics

Chang, H-J. (2014). *Economics: The User's Guide*. New York and London: Pelican Books.

Hickel, J. (2017). *The Divide: A Brief Guide to Global Inequality and Its Solutions*. New York and London: Penguin Random House.

South Asia: Economic Development and Social Transformation

Kohli, A., 2012. *State Directed Development: Political Power and Industrialization in the Global Periphery*, Cambridge University Press.

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Inequality and Everyday Life

Khan, S. (2010). *Privilege: The Making of an Adolescent Elite at St. Paul's School*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Denyer Willis, G. (2021). Mundane disappearance: The politics of letting disappear in Brazil. *Economy and Society*, 50(2), 297-321.