

INT-230 International Cooperation and Development I¹

Class Hours: Mon and Wed: 15:30 – 16:45

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Expected Academic Background

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Themes: (1) What is Development Studies? (2) What is Development, as a Kick-off

* WB: World Development Indicators (handout)

* WB: Beyond Economic Growth (pg7-11)

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Themes: (1) Defining Developing Countries (2) Human Development Index (3) Growth and Development

* Todaro: Chap 1 (pg 3-7, 33-46)

* Szirmai: Chap 1 (pg1-15)

* Websites of WB and OECD/DAC for Country Classification

* Website of UNDP: Human Development Report, 1994 and 2007

<Week 3>

Themes: Development, Poverty and Hunger

- * Szirmai: Chap 1 (pg15-28)
- * Todaro, Chap 1 (pg15-23),
- * Website of OECD/DAC. [Poverty Guideline](#)

<Week 4>

Themes: Poverty and Inequality

- * Todaro: Chap 6 (pg195-229)
- * Wills: Chap 1 (pg8-18)
- * Website of ADB. [Poverty Indexes](#)

<Week 5>

Themes: Other Common Characteristics of Developing Countries and Key Indicators

- * Todaro: Chap 2 (pg 33-71)
- * Szirmai: Chap 1 (pg28-33)
- * WB: [World Development Indicators 2008](#)
- * TBD

<Week 6>

Themes: Millennium Development Goals

- * UN: Millennium Project (Articles, TBD)
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<Week 7>

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Themes: Development Models and Strategies: (1)

- * Wills: Chap 2 (pg 26-46),
- * Todaro: Chap 4 (pg 110-122)
- * Szirmai Chap 2 (pg 36-59), Chap 3 (pg68-83)

<Week 9>

Themes: Development Models and Strategies (2)

- * Todaro: Chap 4 (pg123-127, pg128-132)
- * Szirmai: Chap 3 (pg 83-114)

* Wills: Chap 2(pg46-60), Chap 3 (pg 69-92)

<Week 10>

Themes: Contemporary Development Strategies and Approaches

* Wills: Chap 4 (pg93-115)

* Todaro: Chap 5 (pg145-178)

* Sen: Development as Freedom,

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Themes: Specific Development Issues: (1) Population, (2) Agriculture

* Todaro: Chap 7 (pg260-299)

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Themes: Specific Development Issues: (1) Education and Health, (2) Unemployment

* Website of WB: Unemployment and Informal Sector

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<Week 13>

Themes: Specific Development Issues: (1) Environment, (2) Direct Investment and Foreign Borrowings

* Todaro: Chap 11 (pg463-499)

* Todaro: Chap 14 (pg 597-619), Chap 15 (pg634-657)

* Website of OECD: Foreign Direct Investment

<Week 14>

Themes: Contemporary Development Issues: Development Actors, Governance, Other Global Issues

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