

Unit details –

Images of Development

Basic information about the unit

Unit Level M
Reference Number: PDE-M-100
Number of Credits 1
Student Study Hours: 120 hours
Class Contact Hours: 40 hours
Private Study Hours: 110 hours
Pre-requisites: None
Excluded Combinations: None
Unit Co-ordinator: John G. Taylor
Parent Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Parent Course MSc Development Studies

Short description

The course aims to introduce students to the analysis of general issues of development by focusing on selected subjects amenable to an interdisciplinary approach. Topics are selected for their contemporary relevance and for their importance to the future development of developing countries. They are also areas around which there exists thorough, detailed and accessible bodies of literature.

Learning outcomes

On completing this unit, you should be able to:

- 1 . appreciate the complexities of the problems involved in approaching the study of development issues;
2. counter stereotyped views of the development process;
3. analyse some of the most important areas under discussion in contemporary debates on development issues;
4. gain an understanding of the value of interdisciplinary approaches to the study of developing societies.

Indicative content

Development and Developing Countries: problems of definition; Developing Countries and the World Economy 1945-90; Globalisation : developing countries in the Global order; Famine and Hunger; The Population Problem - definitions and solutions; Sustainability and the Environment; The East Asian Financial Crisis - origins and results for the world economy

Assessment method

One 5,000 word essay

Core texts

See Unit Guide