



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Introduction to Development - 59531*

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*HU Credits: 1*

*Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)*

*Responsible Department: glocal community development studies*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 1st Semester*

*Teaching Languages: English*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

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*Teaching Staff:*

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Course/Module description:

The 'Theories in Development' course includes an introduction to the key concepts and theories in the area of community development

Course/Module aims:

- (1) To introduce students to various theories that have framed what we call today 'international development'.
- (2) To examine core perspectives and theories that have shaped development thinking and practice since the 1950s.
- (3) To introduce development as an emerging discipline.
- (4) To help students to reflect upon their own assumptions about community development and to test those assumptions within the context of comparative development experience.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Understand and comprehend the main concepts in development, be able to discuss and compare between the different theories, discourses and topics in development

Attendance requirements(%):

Mandatory

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal with discussion

Course/Module Content:

Topic one: Basic definitions and theories in development  
What is 'development'? What is 'underdevelopment'? The question of Aid.

Topic two: History of development

Topic three: Selected thematic areas:

1/ Rights based approach to development

2/ Gender and Development

3/ Community participation and ownership

4/ Human development and capabilities approaches

Topic four: Mapping the main 'players' and current trends in community

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development.

Required Reading:

Stephen Brown (2012), "National Development Agencies and Bilateral Aid" In Paul A. Haslam, Jessica Schafer and Pierre Beaudet, eds. *Introduction to International Development: Approaches, Actors, and Issues*. Second Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012, pp. 143-58

Henry Veltmeyer, "Civil Society and Local Development," in Haslam, P. A., J. Schafer, et al., op. cit., pp. 229-243.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 50 %

Project work 50 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: