

Development Studies 1

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STUDY GUIDE

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Course overview - Dates and Deadlines

<p>Self-study 16 Dec – 3 Feb</p>	<p>Self study, only email contact with Seminar Leaders. Students expected to read approx.150 pages of literature and write a short paper of 1800 words (+/- 10%), which equates to 4-5 pages. Hand-in of short paper – must achieve an ‘approved’ grade E-mail to vietnam@kulturstudier.org by 3 February</p>
<p>Week 1 10 Feb – 14 Feb</p>	<p>Agents and Arenas of Development Lecturers : Dr Daphne Chang Seminar</p>
<p>Week 2 17 Feb – 21 Feb</p>	<p>Agents and Arenas of Development Lecturers : Dr Nguyen Le Seminar</p>
<p>Week 3 24 Feb – 28 Feb</p>	<p>Development theories and strategies in a changing world Lecturer: Dr Kristen Nordhaug Seminar</p>
<p>Week 4 3 Mar – 7 Mar</p>	<p>Sustainable development Lecturer: Dr Arve Hansen Seminar Organising groups for group paper</p>
<p>Week 5 10 Mar – 14 Mar</p>	<p>In-depth introduction to studying Vietnam Lecturers: Dr Thiem Bui</p>
<p>Week 6 17 Mar – 21 Mar</p>	<p>Methodology and study week Lecturers: Ha My Tran and Duc Hoang Please use the extra days this week to start reading ahead for Week 7. You will have double lectures that week and will need the extra time to work through the required literature.</p>
<p>Week 7 24 Mar – 28 Mar</p>	<p>Development in Southeast Asia Lecturer: Prof Jonathan Rigg Seminar</p>
<p>Week 8 31 Mar – 4 Apr</p>	<p>Additional lectures by Prof Jonathan Rigg on Monday and Tuesday only Writing group paper Groups must write a paper of 10800 words (+/- 10%), which equates to 25-30 pages. The paper will be on a defined topic, drawing on data from a small fieldwork, literature from the lectures and 300 pages of individual/group choice literature</p>
<p>Week 9 7 Apr – 11 Apr</p>	<p>Writing group paper</p>
<p>Week 10 14 Apr – 18 Apr</p>	<p>Writing and submitting group paper 16 April – Students submit their group paper 18 Apr – End of programme in Vietnam</p>
<p>Home exam 18 Apr – 14 May</p>	<p>Individual home exam You can write the home exam in Hoi An. Our manager will continue to assist you during the three week home exam period.</p>
	<p>The exam results will be published in StudentWeb no later than 15 working days after the submission deadline. To challenge the grades a written request must be given no later than 3 weeks after the results have been published.</p>

1. Introduction

This Study Guide is a supplement to the Course Description. It will give information about the course and advice on how best to study and carry out the different tasks.

Development Studies I is a course run by Kulturstudier in collaboration with Oslo Metropolitan University since 2004 and is part self-study at home and part lecture-based in Vietnam. Having ten weeks in Vietnam gives an excellent opportunity to engage with a country and its people. The course will give an introduction to development, with a regional focus on Southeast Asia and Vietnam.

Living and studying in different and unfamiliar cultures demands awareness on how to behave. Good relations, with both locals and co-students, are essential for good working conditions. An introduction to Vietnamese Etiquette is a separate document and is written to give assistance on how to behave whilst in Vietnam.

Before the start of the course, students will receive instructions on how to obtain a new personal e-mail address from Oslo Metropolitan University. This must be used when submitting the group paper and the final exam. If you have not received log-in details for obtaining an email address by this time, please contact Kulturstudier on telephone number (+47) 22-35-80-22.

2. Course Content

The overall objective of the course *Development Studies I* is to generate a holistic and critical understanding of global and regional development. This section provides information about the different sections of the course and guidance on how the students should work in collaboration with each other and the teachers. As part of the course, students have to complete three written assignments, details of which are provided below.

Part 1 – Self Study Period

(December 16th through February 2nd)

The course starts with a period of self-study. During Part 1 students are expected to read approximately 150 pages as an introduction to the field of development. The readings are listed under section 4 (Lecture plan and course reading lists). Those not in the set books can be accessed through Leganto once the semester starts. Concepts central to the course will be introduced together with overviews of current trends in international development. Self-studying can be challenging. It demands discipline to set aside enough time for reading and reflection. However, it also forces you to become an independent learner and to develop your own understanding of readings. If there are any questions during the self-study period, you can contact the seminar leaders at vietnam@kulturstudier.org

Student Requirement

Assignment 1 – Introductory Assignment

Deadline: 3rd February, electronic copy sent to seminar leaders

- Individual work
- 1800 words ($\pm 10\%$)
- Must be marked 'Pass' for student to progress

You are to answer the following question:

What is development, how can development be achieved, and what can be some of the main negative consequences of development?

The main goal of the first part of the question is to show that there are many understandings of what development is or should be. The second part should discuss some of the different theories and experiences when it comes to achieving development, and the last part should show that development is not necessarily always positive but can also have negative 'side-effects'. These are big questions. Be selective, you should not try to include everything.

The answer should be written as one academic text with introduction and conclusion and should be based on a critical discussion and analysis of the readings given for this assignment (ie. assigned Self-Study literature). There is no need to find additional sources. **You must support your writing by including references. Be sure to provide an exact page number from your source with each reference.** Correct referencing has two parts: (1) a short references in the text, which is linked to (2) a full reference in the list of sources used, called 'References'. More guidance on referencing is provided in Section 6 of this Study Guide, and more guidance on writing an academic essay is found in the same section and in the chapter by Michael Bradford in your readings (the first part of the text, 'The Essay').

The length of the paper should in total be 1800 words (+/- 10%), which equates to 4-5 pages. **The use of artificial intelligence software (e.g. ChatGPT) to write your assignments for you is strictly against the rules and purpose of the self-study essay (and all exam papers, unless stated otherwise by your institution).** The use of AI and LLMs can serve useful educational purposes in certain academic environments but this present course is not one of them. Your task in your introductory assignment is to demonstrate *your own* understanding of the self-study literature and your ability to construct arguments based on that. The use of LLMs is easier to detect than most people realize. Your one-on-one feedback session with your seminar leader where you go over the details of your writing will make it even more obvious.

Your assignment will be given a Pass/Resubmit mark. You will have an individual session with a seminar leader to discuss your paper. Passing the introductory assignment is a requirement for being allowed to do the group paper. In the rare case of failing the pass the introductory assignment three times in a row, the student will be asked to conduct the final group project on an individual basis.

The reading list for the home study is found in Section 4 (Lecture plan and course reading lists).

Parts 2 & 3 - Study in Vietnam (10 Feb – 16 Apr)

The major parts of the course take place in Vietnam (see *Course Description* for further details). Topics include development theory, globalisation, the environment, economic growth, livelihoods, gender, health, democracy, culture, population, migration, and education. Development in Southeast Asia will be studied at both macro and micro levels. By staying in Vietnam, you will be able to see in reality some of the ideas and concepts studied in the classroom, providing a very real learning environment. Studying in Vietnam will take a variety of forms, as summarised below:

Lectures

Lectures will be given corresponding to the major parts of the course mentioned above. There will be several different lecturers providing lectures that draw on their interests and expertise in development. There will normally be lectures on all weekdays. On Mondays, our auditorium will be on the University of Da Nang campus. Private shuttle transport will take students to the campus, and return to homestays following afternoon activities there. Tuesday through Friday, the classes will be held at the Technical College in Hoi An. The campus there is easily accessible by bicycle. **Student participation is compulsory. It is essential to have read the relevant articles and chapters on the reading list prior to each lecture.** (For further details, see Section 4: Lecture Plan and Reading List). The reading load can be heavy - especially for those unaccustomed to academic texts – so students are strongly encouraged to start reading before arriving in Hoi An.

Seminars

Students are expected to participate in seminars organised by the seminar leaders. Here students will have the opportunity to explore various aspects of development. Everybody must participate in and prepare for the seminar groups. Using seminars to discuss concepts and share ideas is a highly efficient way to learn. Moreover, the study of development has normative implications; thus being able to question, reflect and criticise – both verbally and in written form – is equally important.

Field excursion

Vietnam provides an interesting context concerning development questions. In order to learn and take advantage of this, various trips around Hoi An, and a field excursion will be organised during the semester. Students are encouraged to undertake individual field excursions on the weekends whilst in Vietnam.

Working in groups

In addition to the lectures, group work is central to the course. Group work can be challenging, but also rewarding. Inspiration and ideas often come because of discussions with others. This may especially be the case in development studies where few questions have simple answers. Moreover, group discussion provides a forum where students can relate theoretical knowledge with what they can see in Vietnam.

How groups function depends on its members. We advise that students discuss and agree upon some rules, and then be careful to follow them. Here are a few suggested rules:

- a) All group members have an obligation to participate in the activities of the group.
- b) All group members should be included in group-discussions and decisions.
- c) There must be a clear division of responsibilities and tasks within the group.
- d) Routines must be established on how to work and when to meet.
- e) The group members must show respect for each other.

Still, differences between group members can sometimes produce problems that prove hard to solve. In such cases, it is important that group members are open about the problems, and try to sort them out. If conflicts continue despite such efforts, the group in question should consult the seminar leaders, who will help find solutions.

Medical exceptions

If a student has any prior medical needs that forbid them from joining class activities or complete written assignments (e.g. dyslexia), we ask that they inform Kultursudier in advance of their arrival in Vietnam and communicate their needs to the seminar leaders once in Hoi An.

Student Requirement

Assignment 2 - The Group Paper - Discuss and critically reflect on a topic(s) of your choice

Deadline: 10 April

- Groups of 4-5 members
- 10800 words ($\pm 10\%$)
- 40% of final Mark

Information about exam deadlines is published on the StudentWeb <https://student.hioa.no/en/studentweb> **Information about your group and individual home exam submission will be sent to your student e-mail account at Oslo Metropolitan University approximately two weeks before your group exam submission deadline. Students are responsible for reading the rules about cheating and plagiarism on the webpages of Oslo Metropolitan University: <https://student.oslomet.no/en/cheating>**

Groups will ideally consist of 4-5 members. Lectures and seminars will be arranged on doing research and writing assignments. Help will be given to find suitable topics for the group paper. The topic must be approved by the seminar leaders. The group paper should describe, reflect and discuss the chosen topic/s critically. The members of each group are expected to work together and produce a common product, namely a *group paper*, which the group shall hand in by the end of the stay in Vietnam. **It is a requirement of the course that each student takes an active part in researching and writing the group paper. If a student does not take part, they will be given a warning by the seminar leader. If the student persists in not taking an active part in the group**

work, the OsloMET Course Coordinator working together with the seminar leader has the authority to fail the student on this task.

Three specific criteria need to be met to successfully complete this assignment:

1. Course readings and lectures should be used as background to the group paper – you should demonstrate an understanding of the course and its content.
2. Groups are expected to find and read approximately 300 pages from additional literature and course sources.
3. Each group will do some original research such as interviews, a short questionnaire and/or visits to organisations.

An application of the three requirements outlined above will be used as criteria for awarding grades. One internal examiner will assess the group paper, which will comprise 40% of the final mark of the course. Grades are given according to a scale ranging from A (outstanding) to F (not approved). The group paper should contain 10800 words +/- 10%, which equates to 25-30 pages.

At the end of this Study Guide, there is an overview of Internet addresses and web pages that may also be useful for writing the group paper. At the study centre in Hoi An, there is a small library of books and reports. However, if students have relevant books, they are welcome to bring them to Hoi An. Much of the writing will require access to a computer. If you have a laptop computer, we recommend you bring it with you to Vietnam. Make sure you have travel insurance that covers against possible loss.

Assistance with group paper

One of the advantages of this course is the availability of lecturers and seminar leaders to assist you. The group paper is the product of the students. However, during the writing process, the seminar leader will give assistance. Progress in the writing process depends on the student's commitment to certain deadlines. Soon after the groups are formed, they will have to agree on a topic for the paper. The group is also entitled to two reviews; one a review of the outline and structure of the paper, and then a review of a first draft of the paper. However, the seminar leader must be given sufficient time to read and comment on the draft.

Part 4 – Home Exam

(23 Apr to 14 May)

Student Requirement

Assignment 3 – A written essay on a question related to 'Development Studies'

Deadline: 3 May

- Individual work
- 4400 words ($\pm 10\%$)
- 60% of final Mark

Information about exam deadlines is published on the StudentWeb <https://student.hioa.no/en/studentweb> Please re-read the information about exam submission

which was sent to your student e-mail account at Oslo Metropolitan University approximately two weeks before your group exam submission. Students are responsible for reading the rules about cheating and plagiarism on the webpages of Oslo Metropolitan University: <https://student.oslomet.no/en/cheating>

When writing the final home exam, the student is on his/her own again. The questions and candidate number will be sent using your Oslo Metropolitan University email address on the last day of term. There will be a choice of 3 or 4 questions, and you should select one to answer. There will be questions from different parts of the course, but a good answer will demonstrate knowledge drawn from across the course. This includes information and sources from a range of the lectures, set books and readings. It is important to demonstrate the links between the various topics within the course.

The home exam should be written as an academic text with introduction and conclusion and should be based on a critical discussion and analysis of course readings. There is no need to find additional sources from outside the course curriculum. **You must support your writing by including references.** Correct referencing has two parts: (1) a short references in the text, which is linked to (2) a full reference in the list of sources used, called 'References'. More guidance on referencing is provided in Section 6 of this Study Guide, and more guidance on writing an academic essay is found in the same section and in the chapter by Michael Bradford in the reading list for the introductory assignment (the first part of the text, 'The Essay').

The home exam essay should contain 4400 words (+/- 10%), which equates to 10-12 pages, using literature from the compulsory reading list. One internal and one external examiner will assess the home exam. It will comprise 60% of the final mark of the study. Grades are given according to a scale ranging from A (outstanding) to F (not approved).

3. Practical Information for living in Vietnam

Programme Study time

In Hoi An the academic week lasts from Monday through Friday. Lectures take place in the morning, while seminars and time for reading are in the afternoon. Monday lectures will be held in Da Nang and student transport is organized by shuttle service. Tuesday through Friday, lectures and academic support activities will be held at the Technical College near the centre of Hoi An. That campus is an easy bicycling distance from student housing.

Seminars will usually take place on the Technical College campus in Hoi An. After lunch students are encouraged to use some of their time to prepare for lectures, read sources from the curriculum, and to work on the group papers. Students often use the facilities of the office in Hoi An for this purpose, but it is also popular to study at home or at cafés in town.

Free time

The afternoons are flexible, combining both work and free time for the students, at the beach or in town. The evenings and weekends are free for students to organise as they like. There will be some evening activities such as guest lecturers and films, but these are optional. Some students also do voluntary work, and this usually takes place in the late afternoon.

Opportunity for self-travel


During the week, from Monday to Friday, students are expected to be in Da Nang and Hoi An, taking active part in the programme. You can travel on weekends, though this must be balanced with your responsibilities for the group paper. A long weekend is given in the middle of the programme so that students can take a trip to see another part of Vietnam if they wish. We **strongly** advise students to remain in Vietnam during the 10 weeks, and to do any regional travel before or after this period of study.

4. Lecture Plan and Course Reading Lists


What follows is an overview of the various lectures of the course and the related literature. The readings that are not in the set books can be accessed through Canvas.


Set Books

The following books are relevant to the entire course and should be acquired by all students. Note that the third item on the list is available at no cost in digital format.

 Willis, Katie (2021) *Theories and Practices of Development*, 3rd edition, London: Routledge

 Hammett, Daniel (2023) *Global Development (The Basics)*, London: Routledge

 Rigg, Jonathan (2016) *Challenging Southeast Asian development: the shadows of success*, London: Routledge

 United Nations (2024) *The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2024*: New York: UN-DESA (<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2024/The-Sustainable-Development-Goals-Report-2024.pdf>)

Note that chapters from these books are marked with a * in the reading list.

In addition to the two set books, the following book gives a very good and accessible introduction to life in Vietnam and is recommended additional reading:

 Sasges, Gerard (ed.) (2013): *It's a living: Work and life in Vietnam today*, Singapore: Ridge Books

Part 1 – Introducing Development Studies (home study) 214 pages

The following texts will provide a good introduction to the field of development in general and in Southeast Asia, and provide a basis on which to write the first student assignment.

*Willis, K. (2021) 'Chapter 1: Meanings of Development', in *Theories and Practices of Development*, London: Routledge 35p.

*Willis, K. (2021) 'Chapter 6: Social and cultural dimensions of development', in *Theories and Practices of Development*, London: Routledge 30 p.

*Willis, K. (2021) 'Chapter 7: Environment and development', in *Theories and Practices of Development*, London: Routledge. 33 p.

*Willis, K. (2021) 'Chapter 8: Conclusions', in *Theories and Practices of Development*, London: Routledge. 12 p.

*Rigg, Jonathan (2016) 'The shadows of success: a cautionary tale of Southeast Asian development, Chapter 1 in *Challenging Southeast Asian Development*, London: Routledge. 22p

Bradford, M. (2010) "Writing essays, reports, and dissertations", in Clifford, French, and Valentine (2010) *Key Methods in Geography* London: Sage, 497-513. 16p.

Oxfam (2017) *Even it up: How to tackle inequality in Vietnam*, Summary + chapter 1 and 2. Oxfam Briefing Paper. Hanoi: Labor and Social Publishing House. 20 p.

Perkins, Dwight H. (2013): 'Introduction', in *East Asian Development: Foundations and Strategies*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press 13 p

United Nations (2017) Sustainable Development Goals. Read about the different goals and their targets online: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs>

United Nations (2023) *Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) 2023: Times of Crisis, Times of Change*. New York: UN-DESA (https://sdgs.un.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/FINAL%20GSDR%202023-Digital%20-110923_1.pdf)

Part 2 and 3– Macro and Micro Perspectives on Development

Weeks 1 and 2: Approaches, Agents and Arenas of Development

Dr. Daphne Chang and Le Nguyen

APPROACHES TO DEVELOPMENT

Lecture 1 Why Development? Poverty, Human Rights, and Sustainability

Haynes, J. (2008) Chapter 8 “Human rights and gender”, in *Development Studies*, Cambridge: Polity. first half of chapter 13p.

UN (2015) *The 2030 Agenda for sustainable development*, United Nations: New York. 41p. 1-14, 34-36, 16p.

*Willis, K. (2021) Chapter 6 “Social and Cultural dimensions of development”, in *Theories and Practices of Development*, London: Routledge. 35p. **Optional**

*Rigg, J. (2016) Chapter 1 “The shadows of success: a cautionary tale of Southeast Asian Development”, in *Challenging Southeast Asian Development*, London and New York: Routledge. 18p. **Optional**

Lecture 2: What is Development? The political development of ‘Development’

*Willis, K. (2021) ‘Chapter 2: Modernization, Keynesianism and neoliberalism’, in *Theories and Practices of Development*, London: Routledge 30p

Elliott (2014) 1.6 “Development and social welfare/human rights” in Desai, V. and Potter, R. (2014) *The companion to development studies*, 3rd Edition, London and New York: Routledge. 5p.

Nederveen Pieterse, J. (2010) Chapter 8 “Equity and growth revisited: from human development to social development”, in Nederveen Pieterse, J. (2010) *Development Theory*, 2nd edition, London: Sage, 15p.

Northover (2014) 1.7 “Development as Freedom”, in Desai, V. and Potter, R. (2014) *The Companion to development studies*, 3rd Edition, London and New York: Routledge. 5p.

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Lecture 3: The market as an agent of development: Is economic growth the same as development?

*Willis, K. (2021) ‘Chapter 3: Structuralism, neo-Marxism and socialism’, in *Theories and Practices of Development*, London: Routledge 33p

Thirlwall (2014) 1.5 “Development and economic growth”, in Desai, V. and Potter, R. (2014) *The companion to development studies*, 3rd Edition, London and New York: Routledge. 3p.

Todaro, M and S. Smith (2015). “Comparative economic development: Pakistan and Bangladesh” in *Economic Development. 12th edition* London: Pearson. 3p.

*Rigg, J. (2016) Chapter 5 “Building the neoliberal family: dislocated families, fragmented living, fractured lives” in *Challenging Southeast Asian Development*, London and New York: Routledge. 27p. **Optional**

Lecture 4: Developing the State. The state managing development

*Willis, K. (2021) ‘Chapter 4: Politics and development’, in *Theories and Practices of Development*, London: Routledge 34p

Haynes, J. (2008) Chapter 5 Politics of Development, in *Development Studies*, Cambridge: Polity. 24p.

Todaro, M and S. Smith (2015). “A pioneer in development success through trade: Taiwan” in *Economic Development*. London:Pearson. 4p

Minten et al (2023) Agricultural value chains in a fragile state: The case of rice in Myanmar *World Development* Volume 167 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2023.106244> **Optional**

Lecture 5: The roles of civil society: NGOS, social movements and citizen groups

*Willis, K. (2021) ‘Chapter 5: Grassroots development’, in *Theories and Practices of Development*, London: Routledge 27p

Norlund, I. (2007) “Civil Society in Vietnam: Social organisations and approaches to new concepts”, *ASIEN 105*, pp 68-90. 22p. **Optional**

Jung, Woojin (2023) Mapping community development aid: Spatial analysis in Myanmar *World Development* 164(3) <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2022.106124> **Optional**

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Lecture 6: Gendering development

Momsen, J. (2010) Chapter 9 “How far have we come?”, in *Gender and Development*, London and New York: Routledge. 24p.

Parpart (2014) 7.5 “Rethinking gender and empowerment”, in Desai, V. and Potter, R. (2014) *The companion to development studies*, 3rd Edition, London and New York:Routledge. 4p.

Leach & Sitaram (2002) Microfinance and women’s empowerment: a lesson from India, *Development in Practice*, 12(5), 575-588, 13p.

Lo Bue et al. (2022) Gender and vulnerable employment in the developing world: Evidence from global microdata. *World Development* 159 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2022.106010>

Lecture 7: Education for Development: Education for Empowerment

Briggs (2014) 2.9 "Indigenous knowledge and development" in Desai, V. and Potter, R. (2014) *The companion to development studies*, 3rd Edition, London and New York: Routledge 4p.

Vinh, L.A., Hanh, H.P. (2022). Basic Education in Vietnam. In: Symaco, L.P., Hayden, M. (eds) *International Handbook on Education in South East Asia*. Springer International Handbooks of Education. Springer, Singapore.

Quynh Anh Le (2016) "The impact of globalization on the reform of higher education in Vietnam", *International Journal of Business and Economic Affairs*, 1(1) 29-35. 7p.

UNESCO 1990 World Declaration on Education for All
http://www.unesco.org/education/pdf/JOMTIE_E.PDF **Optional**

Ansell, Nicola (2017). Children, youth and development. Second Edition. London: Routledge, ch. 7, pp. 294-346 53 p. **Optional**

Lecture 8: Health and wellbeing: process or outcome of development?.

White, S.C. (2010) "Analysing wellbeing: a framework for development practice", *Development in Practice*, 20 (2), 158 – 172, 16p

World Health Organization (2015) *Country Cooperation Strategy Vietnam*. 2p.
http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/180224/1/ccsbrief_vnm_en.pdf?ua=1

World Health Organization (2019) *World Health Statistics Overview: Monitoring health for the SDGs*, Geneva: WHO, 16p

Lecture 9: Global Trade: Can trade foster economic and human development?.

Kleine (2014) 3.7 "Corporate social responsibility and development" in Desai, V. and Potter, R. (2014) *The companion to development studies*, 3rd Edition, London and New York: Routledge 5p.

Gilbert, A. (2014) 3.2 "The new international division of labour" in Desai, V. and Potter, R. (2014) *The companion to development studies*, 3rd Edition, London and New York: Routledge. 10p.

Le Mare, A. (2008) "The impact of Fair Trade on social and economic development: a review of the literature", *Geography Compass* 2, 21p.

Lecture 10: Tourism as a strategy for development

Telfer, D. (2009) "Development studies and tourism", in Jamat, T. and Robinson, M. (eds) 2009, *The SAGE handbook of Tourism Studies*, London: Sage. 17p.

Giang, Whitford and Dredge (2016) "Knowledge dynamics in the tourism-social entrepreneurship nexus: case study of Mai Hich, Vietnam", in Sheldon, P. and Daniele, R. (eds) (2016) *Tourism and social entrepreneurship*. Springer: Cham Switzerland, 17p.

Higgins-Desbiolles, F., Scheyvens, R. A., & Bhatia, B. (2023). Decolonising tourism and development: from orphanage tourism to community empowerment in Cambodia. *Journal of Sustainable Tourism*, 31(12), 2788–2808. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09669582.2022.2039678>

Optional

V. Dao Truong, C. Michael Hall & Tony Garry (2014) Tourism and poverty alleviation: perceptions and experiences of poor people in Sapa, Vietnam. *Journal of Sustainable Tourism*, Vol. 22, No. 7, 1071–1089

Week 3 Development theories and strategies in a changing world Kristen Nordhaug

Lecture 1 The Global South and East Asia in the international order

Masina, P. (2015) "Miracles or uneven development? Asia in the contemporary world economy", in Hansen, A & Wethal U., *Emerging economies and challenges to sustainability: theories, strategies, local realities*, London: Routledge. 12p.

Bekkevold, Jo Inge (2020). "The International Politics of Economic Reforms in China, Vietnam, and Laos", in Hansen, A., Bekkevold, J.I. and Nordhaug, K. (2020). *The Socialist Market Economy in Asia: Development in China, Vietnam and Laos*, Singapore: Palgrave. 41p.

Lecture 2 The state and the market revisited: Mainstream and radical approaches to economic development

Revisit:

*Willis, K. (2021) 'Chapter 2: Modernization, Keynesianism and neoliberalism', in *Theories and Practices of Development*, London: Routledge 30p

*Willis, K. (2021) 'Chapter 3: Structuralism, neo-Marxism and socialism', in *Theories and Practices of Development*, London: Routledge 33p

London, J. (2020). "China and Vietnam as Instances of Consolidated Market-Leninism", in Hansen, A., Bekkevold, J.I. and Nordhaug, K. (2020). *The Socialist Market Economy in Asia: Development in China, Vietnam and Laos*, Singapore: Palgrave. 48p. **Optional**

Chang, Ha-Joon (2008) "The Lexus and the olive tree revisited: myths and facts about globalization", *Bad Samaritans: the guilty secrets of rich nations & the threat to global prosperity*, London: Random House Business Books, 20p. **Optional**

Lecture 3 Globalisation, development and a changing world

Dicken, P. (2015). "Introduction: Questioning 'globalization' and "Global shift: changing Geographies of the Global Economy", *Global Shift: Mapping the Changing Contours of the World Economy*, London: Sage, 45p.

Lecture 4 Vietnam's development model: Understanding the socialist market economy

Bekkevold, J.I., Hansen, A. and Nordhaug, K. (2020). "Introducing the Socialist Market Economy", in Hansen, A., Bekkevold, J.I. and Nordhaug, K. (2020). *The Socialist Market Economy in Asia: Development in China, Vietnam and Laos*, Singapore: Palgrave. 24p.

Hansen, A. (2015): "The Best of Both Worlds? The Power and Pitfalls of Vietnam's Development Model", in Hansen, A & Wethal U., *Emerging economies and challenges to sustainability: theories, strategies, local realities*, London: Routledge. 14p.

Knutsen, HM. And Do, Khanh Ta (2020). "Reforming State-Owned Enterprises in a Global Economy: The Case of Vietnam", in Hansen, A., Bekkevold, J.I. and Nordhaug, K. (2020). *The Socialist Market Economy in Asia: Development in China, Vietnam and Laos*, Singapore: Palgrave. 26p.

Nordhaug, Kristen (2020). Labour conflicts in the socialist market economy: China and Vietnam. In Hansen, A., Bekkevold, J.I. and Nordhaug, K. (2020). *The Socialist Market Economy in Asia: Development in China, Vietnam and Laos*, Singapore: Palgrave. 20p.

Lecture 5 Helping others develop? Potentials, limitations and new trends in development aid

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Week 4 Sustainable Development

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5. Introduction to Staff



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Jonathan Rigg is a professor of geography at the University of Bristol, and until 2018 was Director of the Asia Research Institute at the National University of Singapore. For more than thirty years he has been researching - and teaching about - development issues in the Southeast Asian region. This has included research in Thailand, the Lao PDR, Vietnam and Indonesia as well as in Sri Lanka, Nepal and Kazakhstan, supported by grants from funding agencies in the UK, US, Singapore, Canada, Denmark and the EU. His work falls within the broad field of 'rural development', covering topics such as rural-urban relations, participation and the role of NGOs, environment-development tensions, and migration and mobility. Jonathan's advice has been sought by the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the FAO and the World Food Programme. Among his authored books are *More than rural: textures of Thailand's agrarian transformation* (Hawaii University Press, 2019), *Challenging Southeast Asian development: the shadows of success* (Routledge, 2016),

Unplanned development: tracking change in South-East Asia (Zed Books, 2012) An everyday geography of the Global South (Taylor and Francis, 2007) and Living with transition in Laos: market integration in Southeast Asia (Routledge, 2005). He is currently working on research projects on land issues in Thailand, smallholders in Laos and Vietnam, and the environmental commons in mainland and island Southeast Asia.

6. Guidance on Writing Essays

Three written papers are required for the completion of the course. These are the short paper, the group paper and the home exam essay. The papers should demonstrate the following:

- reading and understanding of the course literature and other relevant information;
- critical reflection upon the topics in question; and
- familiarity with the standards of academic writing.

Original contributions to research are not expected of the students. The following are basic guidelines that should be followed when writing papers and essays. These guidelines are in accordance with normal standards for University assignments.

1. Define the topic, approach and structure in the introduction

Whether writing a short paper, a group paper or a home exam essay, the paper must have an introduction. Here, the topic(s) are first presented. Following this, the question(s) related to the topic(s) are formulated. The question(s) and the intention must be clearly formulated and realistic. Finally, the structure to the paper/essay should be outlined. That will explain how the following pages will proceed to study the question/s of the paper. The structure must be simple and logical, normally resting on three building blocks:

- an introductory part;
- a main part (normally consisting of various sub-chapters/sections) where ideas concepts and results are discussed in relation to the overall topic/s and question/s raised in the introduction; and
- a concluding part which summarises the paper and provides final conclusions.

Once the topics, intention and structure have been defined in the introduction, it is important to stick to them throughout the paper/essay.

While the above points relate to all three types of written papers, a few comments need to be added that differentiate the short paper and the home exam essay on the one hand, and the group paper on the other. As for the short paper (linked to Part 1 of the course) and the home exam essay, a certain topic or question is provided (see above). In these cases, students should be careful at the beginning of writing to make clear how the topic/question is being interpreted and how it will be discussed. In the case of the group paper, where the group define the topic/s, the teachers' approval must be sought for the topic/s.

The seminar leader and also the lecturers are available for advice during the writing periods. It is advisable to make use of this opportunity.

2. Organise the essay with a good structure

It is essential for the quality and readability of the text that the material is presented and discussed in a systematic manner. There is no standard way of doing this. What is important is to give reasons in the text for why various elements of the material are grouped together. Each time a new idea is introduced, remember to ask: Is it clear to the reader (and yourself) why this idea/example is being introduced here? If the answer is not a clear “yes”, the text needs revising.

3. Discuss and conclude the results

Equally vital for the quality of the paper/essay is the material that is *discussed* (the views/theoretical approaches and empirical examples) in relation to the topic/s and question/s raised in the introduction. For the group paper, it is important to discuss the findings of your limited research (interviews, questionnaire, visits to institutions) and what you learnt in relation to your group topic and the questions you pose in the paper. For all papers, you need to include a summary, where you bring your various points together and draw some tentative conclusions based on the discussion in the paper.

4. Write clearly and with adequate references

While academic writing demands a formal style, this does not mean using complex language. On the contrary, ideas should be communicated as clearly and precisely as possible. In addition, students should establish a good flow between the elements of the text. There must be a meaningful connection between the various phrases of a section, between the various sections of a chapter, and between the various chapters of the paper/essay. It is helpful to begin each chapter, and sometimes even a section, by briefly stating what is about to be said, and how it relates to what has already been said. This might have the consequence of repeating things that have been said in the introduction, but, as long as not exaggerated, such repetition can be very helpful to the reader.

5. Guidance on Referencing

The **APA System** of references is used: (1) a short reference in the text followed by (2) full details of the references given at the end of the paper.

Below follows a basic introduction to the referencing style. For more details, the library of Oslo Metropolitan University provides an [own overview](#) and recommends [this page](#) in English. Beware that inadequate referencing may qualify as plagiarism. Read more here:

<https://student.oslomet.no/en/cheating>

How to cite AI: <https://dal.ca.libguides.com/CitationStyleGuide/citing-ai>

How to cite personal communication:

"You may check this and other referencing issues here: Personal communication (Lecture notes, e-mails etc.) <https://kildekompasset.no/en/references/623/>

5.1 References in the text

There must be references in the text immediately after quotations, or after specific ideas or views from particular sources. These references are written in parentheses in the text after the point you are referring to. It should consist of the author's surname/other source's name followed by the publishing year. The page number must be used for direct quotations, and is also encouraged for indirect quotations, especially when it could help the reader to locate the relevant passage in a long text.

In light of the introduction of AI the rules on referencing with specific page numbers has become stricter. Failure to apply page numbering properly may result in the lowering of the grade by one point.

Example:

"Development must include tackling poverty" (Smith, 2008, p. 22).

Many writers suggest that development should include reducing poverty. (Smith, 2008, p. 22).

- You should always give the name of the person who has written/said the thought, even if it is quoted by the author of the main text.

Example

"Development projects are often about reducing the structural causes of poverty." (Jones, 2005, cited in Smith, 2010, p.12)

- If you are summarizing an argument, or making a general point, you may do so without page number. You can also put several names to demonstrate that more than one person has written on this view.

Example

Many writers suggest that reducing poverty is an important aspect of development activity. (Jones, 2005, Smith, 2008)

- Sometimes documents do not have a date. Then the reference is:
(Smith, no date)
- Documents written by an organization with no given author should have the organization as the author.

Example:

(UNESCO, 2009) or (Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training, 2007)

In case you need to reference anything from your lectures, the following format is suitable in the main text:

(K. Nordhaug, personal information, March 1, 2024)

NB! Lecture references are an exception in that they appear only in text and should not be added to the end of the paper under "References".

5.2 Second, List of all sources with full details at the end of the essay

All sources referred to in the text – apart from lecture references (see above) - should be presented in full at the end of the document. The list, which can be called "References", should contain the full details for each reference, with the references organised in alphabetical order by the name of the author. Look at the list of references at the end of the two set books for examples of list of references. Each reference should have the following format:

Surname of author, first name or initial/s. (publishing year). *Title*. Place of publishing that is normally a town: Name of publisher.

Example:

Nederveen-Pieterse, J. (2001). *Development theory. Deconstructions/reconstructions*. London: Sage Publications.

- If the source is a chapter in an anthology (book with contributions from several authors), the reference in the literature list should have the following format:

Surname of author of the chapter, first name or initial/s. (publishing year). Title of article. In + Full name of editor(s) of the book (Eds.), *Title of book* (page numbers). Place of publishing which is normally a town: Name of publisher.

Example:

McGrew, A. (2000). Sustainable globalisation. The global politics of development and exclusion in the new world order. In Tim Allen and Alan Thomas (Eds.), *Poverty and development into the 21st Century* (p. 345-364). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

- If the article is from a journal, the reference in the literature list should have the following format:

Surname of author, name or initial/s. (publishing year). Title of article. *Name of journal*, volume number, issue number, page numbers

Example:

Tran, Ngoc Angie (2012). Vietnamese Textile and Garment Industry in the Global Supply Chain: State Strategies and Workers' Responses. *Institutions and Economies*, 4 (3), 123-150.

- If downloading a text from a webpage that is not an online journal or e-book, the reference should have the normal format used for references to books, anthologies or periodicals as described above, and add the Internet-address at the end. Use the date for last update if available. If using information from the internet which is frequently updated (wikis, blogs etc.), the date when downloaded should be included.

Example, online newspaper

Fawthrop, Tom (2019, November 26). Did Vietnam just doom the mekong? Retrieved from <https://thediomat.com/2019/11/did-vietnam-just-doom-the-mekong/>

Only sources that have actually been used in the study and referred to in the text should be put on the list/s of sources.

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7. Internet Resources

Development Issues - General

<http://www.worldbank.org/>

World Bank, including a wealth of information on development and development indicators.

<http://www.undp.org/>

United Nations Development Programme - information and data on human development

<http://www.unfpa.org/>

United Nations Population Fund – information on development, population and migration

<http://www.unctad.org/en/>

United Nations Conference on Trade And Development – trade data.

<http://www.amnesty.org/>

Amnesty International: This site provides a wealth of information, documents and downloadable reports on various human rights issues. See also the large database on Vietnam.

<http://www.oxfam.org/en/>

OXFAM International: Oxfam International is a confederation of 12 organizations working together in more than 100 countries in various development areas. They are known to be radical and brave in their approaches to development. They contribute to the development debate with numerous annual reports and documents.

Development Issues - Vietnam and Asia:

<http://www.worldbank.org.vn/>

The World Bank national sites of Vietnam provides a wealth of information

<http://www.adb.org/>

The Asian Development Bank

<http://www.unicef.org/vietnam/>

UNICEF in Vietnam: UNICEF's mandate in Vietnam is to ensure that children and women are given high priority in the nation's development programmes. Here you can find articles on e.g. education, health, sanitation, children in need of special protection etc.

<http://www.un.org.vn/>

United Nations in Vietnam

News and Media – Vietnam and Asia

<http://vietnamnews.vn/>

Vietnam News Agency - Daily news from Vietnam in English: The Viet Nam News Agency (VNA) is the official news service of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (SRV) and covers a wide range of topics such as political, economic, social, and scientific and technological issues in Vietnam and the world.

<https://tuoitrenews.vn/>

Tuoi Tre News – Vietnamese online, English language newspaper.

<http://www.vir.com.vn/>

Vietnam Investment Review: A weekly update on economy and business in Vietnam

<https://thediplomat.com/>

The Diplomat – News covering all of Asia

<https://aecnewstoday.com/>

AEC News Today – News from all of ASEAN