



Course Number	SOWK 620.01 S02	Classroom	"Online"
Course Name	International Social Development: Theories and Interventions		
Day(s) & Time	Zoom sessions: Thursdays, January 14 – April 12 (6:30 – 9:00 pm)		
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SYLLABUS STATEMENT

Examines the role of social work and social workers in international and community development work at home and abroad. Theoretical foundations are examined alongside global influences in relation to historical, economic, political, social and cultural contexts. Critical perspectives, contemporary issues and research debates in social development, internationalization and globalization are discussed.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A comprehensive overview of the scope and nature of international social development that combines theoretical approaches with policy and practice focused frameworks. You'll analyze social development theories and practice models from a historical and critical perspective, focusing on their socio-political-economic dimensions. Alternative ideologies and alternative development approaches will be explored. We'll also evaluate the role of social work in the field of international social development.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Examine the scope and nature of international social development theory and practice from a historical perspective, focusing on North-South development polarities and politics.
- 2. Develop an analytic frame of reference for understanding global issues as a base for international social work practice.
- 3. Evaluate economic, political, environmental, and technological dimensions of globalization and its implications on the lives of disadvantaged communities across the globe.
- 4. Examine the scope and nature of international social work and its relationship to international social development.
- 5. Conceptualize international social work practice in the areas of social policy, direct practice, and advocacy in context of global social justice.
- 6. Conceptualize power dynamics, structural oppressions and injustices in the context of social work practice in international settings.
- 7. Understand the challenges in conceptualizing social work ethics on a global scale and tensions of conflicting local values with universal values based on UN conventions.
- 8. Explore knowledge of alternative directions toward, and of roles that social workers can take in advocating for human rights, social justice and sustainable social structures.

LEARNING RESOURCES

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND/OR READINGS

Healy, L. M., & Thomas, R. L. (2020). *International social work: Professional action in an interdependent world*. Oxford University Press.

Additional required readings are available on D2L.

LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES AND REQUIREMENTS

A D2L site is set up for this course which contains required readings and other relevant class resources and materials. A laptop, desktop or mobile device with Internet access, microphone and speaker is required for D2L and Zoom access.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER COURSES

This course is taken concurrently with "SOWK 622.01: International Social Work in Canada" and is one of the core course courses offered in International Community Development specialization. The content of this course relates the international context of social justice and social policy to social work practice in internationalized settings or situations. The course is a pre-requisite for SOWK 624.01: Advanced Practice in Sustainable Development and SOWK 626.01: Social Work & International Development Projects.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Required Readings	
		PART A: Introduction & Theoretical Frameworks	
January 14	Review of the Course Outline	Bring a picture/object that describes what international social development means to you. Two minutes each to share the object and explain.	
		Overview of history, definition, and ethics of international social work	
		See the following websites for professional associations of global social workers:	
		International Association of Schools of Social Work: http://www.iassw-aiets.org/	
		The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW): http://www.ifsw.org/	
		Global Awareness Society International: http://orgs.bloomu.edu/gasi/philo.php	
January	International social	The struggles of women in the global south - Gender justice and girls'	
21	development – A case	education in South Asia.	
	study	Barriers to girls' education How is cultural, religious, and political	
		power used in the context of gender justice and to restrict girls'	

January 28	International institutions and NGOs	Review of the role of the international community and particularly Canada in international development. Video: UN Panel Discussion (2020). "Strengthened Institutions and Robust Mechanisms for Combating Gender Based Violence in the Onset of Peace Process in Afghanistan". Readings: • Jamal, A. (2015). Engaging men for gender justice: Overcoming barriers to girls' education in the Pashtun tribes of northwest Pakistan. International Journal of Social Welfare. 24(3), 273–286. • Hoodfar, H. (2007). Women, religion and the "Afghan Education Movement" in Iran. The Journal of Development Studies, 43(2), 265-293. Historical and political context of international development; agencies of development; and core skills and social work roles in community/international development. What are the constraints/barriers of NGOs in Development? What are some criticisms of NGOs? NGO governance in a neo-liberal context. Readings: • Jamal, A., & Baldwin, C. (2017). Angels of mercy or smiling western invaders? Community's perception of NGOs in
		 northwest Pakistan. <i>International Social Work</i>, 62(1), 89–104. https://doi.org/10.1177/0020872817711239 Kamat, S. (2003). The NGO phenomenon and political culture in the third world. <i>Development</i>, 46(1), 88-93. Roff, S. (2004). Nongovernmental organizations: The strengths
February 04	Theories and Concepts I	perspective at work. <i>International Social Work, 47</i> (2), 202-212. Globalization and social development; The Impact of globalization and global interdependence on various sectors. New economic crisis and
		reactions – Social issues and globalization; Major flaws; Prospects for action and opportunities in globalization
		 Readings: Kuruvilla, S. (2005). Social work and social development in India. <i>In Globalisation, global justice and social work</i>. Routledge, 50-62. Healy, L. M., & Thomas, R. L. (2020). <i>International social work: Professional action in an interdependent world</i>. Oxford University Press. (Chapter 2, p. 25-51)
Feb 11 6:30-9:00 p.m. MT	Theories and Concepts II	Theoretical debates – goals of social development; development as freedom; Linking development and human rights; Human rights and its relevance to International social work; Human development approach; Social exclusion and inclusion; social justice

		 Desai, M. (2014). The paradigm of international social development: Ideologies, development systems and policy approaches. Routledge, 21-41. Healy, L. (2012). Theories and concepts underlying international social Work. Handbook of International Social Work: Human Rights, Development, and the Global Profession. Oxford University Press, 9-44. Recommended: Healy, L & Thomas, R. (2020). International social work: Professional action in an interdependent world. Oxford University Press. (Chapter 4, P. 85-102)
February 18		Winter Break
		Part 2 – Policy and Practice
February 25	International social development: Policy and practice I	Values and ethics of international professional action; Conceptual and professional framework, universalism and cultural relativism debate. Social constructivist framework; strengthening social and cultural wellbeing. Cultural understanding in a global context – ethics and values in international social work practice. Indigenous social work around the world
		 Readings: Healy, L. M., & Thomas, R. L. (2020). International social work: Professional action in an interdependent world. Oxford University Press. (Chapter 10, P. 293-310) Hair, H. J., & O'Donoghue, K. (2009). Culturally relevant, socially just social work supervision: Becoming visible through a social constructionist lens. Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work, 18(1-2), 70-88. Recommended:
		 Gray, M., Coates, J., & Bird, M. Y. (Eds.). (2008). Indigenous social work around the world: Towards culturally relevant education and practice. Ashgate Publishing, Ltd., 1- 10. Healy, L. M. (2007). Universalism and cultural relativism in social work ethics. International Social Work, 50(1), 11-26.
March 04	International Social Development – Policy and practice II	Sustainable Development Goals – building a platform for international development. International social welfare organizations; UN Agencies and activities; Regulators of the global economy Panel discussion on SDGs review, implementation and critique
		Readings: • Review of SDGs: https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2020/

		 Leal Filho, W., Brandli, L. L., Lange Salvia, A., Rayman-Bacchus, L., & Platje, J. (2020). COVID-19 and the UN sustainable development goals: Threat to solidarity or an opportunity?. Sustainability, 12(13), 5343. http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/su12135343 Baker, P. A., & Hinds, K. (2012). Regulators of the global economy: The IMF, the World Bank, and the WTO. Handbook of International Social Work: Human Rights, Development, and the Global Profession. Oxford University Press, 318-328. Recommended: Healy, L. M., & Thomas, R. L. (2020). International social work: Professional action in an interdependent world. Oxford University Press. (Chapter 6, P. 141-167) 		
		PART C: Global Social Issues		
March 11	Poverty	Readings: TBD by student facilitators		
		Assignment: Virtual Coffee, Critique, and Conversation #1		
March 18	Gender and	Readings: TBD by student facilitators		
	development	Assignment: Virtual Coffee, Critique, and Conversation #2		
March 25	Global Health	Readings: TBD by student facilitators		
		Assignment: Virtual Coffee, Critique, and Conversation #3		
April 1	Indigenous peoples	Readings: TBD by student facilitators		
	and global indigenous movements	Assignment: Virtual Coffee, Critique, and Conversation #4		
		PART D: Global Social Justice		
April 08	Understanding and influencing Global Policy	 Rationale for social work involvement – global policies agenda and social work values; global social policy – action in practice Readings: Healy, L. M., & Thomas, R. L. (2020). International social work: Professional action in an interdependent world. Oxford University Press. (Chapter 13, P. 385-401) Ferraro, E. (2003). From pavement to piazza: Grassroots social work to counteract the globalization of marginality. Social Policy & Administration, 37(2). 198-217. Ferguson, I., & Lavalette, M. (2005). Another world is possible: Social work and the struggle for social justice. In Globalisation, global justice and social work. Routledge, 207-223. 		
April 13	International Social Work – Global Agenda	Social work and the struggle for global social justice; decolonizing the colonized mind; Global agenda and social work practice. Review of the course		

Video: Silvana Martínez (2020). Closing words of the President International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) at IFSW Annual Conference.

Readings:

- Healy, L. M., & Thomas, R. L. (2020). International social work: Professional action in an interdependent world. Oxford University Press. (Chapter 15, P. 433-455)
- Ife, J. (2010). The new international agendas: What role for social work?. *Trabajo social global-Global Social Work: Revista de investigaciones en intervención social*, 1(1), 80-102.

ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM CONDUCT AND RELATED INFORMATION

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The Faculty of Social Work acknowledges the inequities experienced by racialized people, Indigenous people, and other marginalized populations. We aim to foster an environment that recognizes and celebrates diverse perspectives. Therefore, we are committed to eradicating all forms of injustices based on race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, socio-economic status, religion, and disability.

MEDIA RECORDING FOR ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING

The instructor may use media recordings as part of the assessment of students. This may include but is not limited to classroom discussions, presentations, clinical practice, or skills testing that occur during the course. These recordings will be used for student assessment purposes only and will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

ZOOM RECORDINGS OF ONLINE CLASSES

The instructor may record online Zoom class sessions for the purposes of supporting student learning in this class – such as making the recording available for review of the session or for students who miss a session. Students will be advised before the instructor initiates a recording of a Zoom session. These recordings will be used to support student learning only and will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS

1. Reflective Essay & Connecting Course Learnings with Practice (25%) Due date - February 25 (midnight) in the assignment Dropbox in D2L

Prepare a 1000-word essay integrating your learnings from Part A of this course to your experience and practice. The reflective essay is a critical review of the assigned weekly readings over the course of the term. It should demonstrate your understanding of the knowledge and issues discussed in the course readings, and more importantly, your awareness of how you constructed that knowledge. Thus, it is an

interaction between ideas received from outside and your internal processing, understanding, and interpretation of those ideas.

- In this assignment, the instructor expects you to show that you have acquired a certain amount of knowledge from the assigned readings
- related this knowledge to personal experience if any
- critically analyzed your existing knowledge, your experiences, and your assumptions to gain a broader perspective
- thought deeply, synthesize and communicated these ideas/issues clearly (logical argument and writing style)

Students must include a minimum of two peer-reviewed articles - include citation in reference list in correct APA format (APA 7).

You are also expected to include an introduction and conclusion. A cover page is not required. The goal of this assignment is to encourage you to continually integrate course learnings with theoretical frameworks and your practice and be able to articulate these connections. This will assist you next two courses in the specialization and with preparing your MSW exit requirement in the future. (Course Learning Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8)

2. Global Social Issues: Virtual Coffee, Critique, and Conversation (30%). max. 2 students per topic

Complete the following steps and include the required details when completing this assignment. A rubric with the allocation of marks for each criterion will be posted in D2L. This is an individual assignment.

- 1) Select 1 practice topic of interest to you (and a 2nd choice as a backup).
- 2) Sign-up on the 1st day of class for the date assigned to the practice topic. This will be your facilitation date.
- 3) Find 1 peer-reviewed article (published in the last 5 years) related to your practice topic.
- 4) Prepare a 500-word critical analysis of your article that includes:
 - a. Overview of the article/chapter: Provide one or two sentences that describe the purpose of the article/chapter. This should be formulated after reading the whole article/chapter and should capture the "essence" of what the article is about.
 - b. <u>Summary of main points:</u> Provide three points which speak to the main arguments/ideas put forward by the authors. Try not to get lost in details and subpoints.
 - c. <u>Counter-arguments/personal reactions (critical thinking):</u> How did you feel after reading the article/chapter? What stood out to you? What did the author overlook?
 - d. <u>Application to practice:</u> Comment on how one main point aligns with or contradicts social work values/standards of practice? What 3 questions would you like to discuss with the class?

- e. <u>Discussion</u>: On your facilitation day, you will be responsible for leading a small group discussion about your selected article and your 3 discussion questions.
- 5) Post your 500-word analysis and 3 discussion questions in the <u>Discussion Board in D2L 1 week</u> prior to your facilitation date.
- 6) On your assigned date, facilitate a 30-minute small group discussion based on your critical analysis of the article and discussion questions. Following the discussion, share three group learning with the class.

The goal of this assignment is to develop research, critical analysis, and group facilitation skills, as well as enhanced knowledge of a particular global issue. (Course Learning Outcomes: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)

3. Critical Book/Article Review (25%) – due date March 25 (midnight) in the assignment Dropbox in D2L

Students will write a 1000 words critical book review on one of the recommended books. The analysis should critically evaluate the book's strengths and weaknesses and well as its significance in the broader international social work or global policy literature.

- The first section of your review should present core idea and themes of the book.
- The second section should focus on critical evaluation of various arguments and analysis
 discussed in the book/article. You may quote a few examples /quotations from the book to
 support your review.
- The third section of the review should elaborate on research and practice implications How
 does this book contribute to the knowledge base and practice of international social
 development or international social work or global policy literature.
- Detail guidelines and rubric is available on D2L. (Course Learning Outcomes: 1, 2, 4, 7)

4. Participation: (20%) due April 12 (midnight) in the assignment Dropbox in D2L

The participation grade awards you marks for your dedication as an active and engaged learner in the course. All students are expected to participate in every class. Should a student be unable to attend class, please contact the instructor by email and make arrangements with the instructor or another student to discuss the materials and activities covered that day. The participation mark will be a combination of your self-assessment and the instructor's assessment.

- Self-assessment: Submit a 500-word reflection describing your participation. Assessment criteria
 includes but is not limited to: attending to class, ground rules about professionalism and
 respectful engagement in the class; quality and quantity of in-class participation for individual,
 partner, and group work; engagement with guest speakers; completing assigned readings and
 other preparatory work prior to class; ability to pose questions and provide constructive
 feedback to peers.
- A key piece of reflecting on your own values and positions on issues is understanding and possibly confronting the values and positions of others, so participation in class discussions is

- very important in this course. It is important to share your viewpoint and contribute in a thoughtful and respectful way to the viewpoints of others.
- These criteria will also be used by the instructor to determine the instructor assessment. (Course Learning Outcomes: 6, 7, 8)

ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to attend class regularly and to be fully present and engaged in class
activities and discussions. These are part of the participation grade, as outlined in the assessment
components section above.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING ASSIGNMENTS

• Please submit all assignments electronically through their respective dropbox in D2L. Assignments may be submitted in Word or PDF format. Assignments should have a file name as follows: "Full name and assignment number" (e.g., Jane Smith Assignment 2). Assignments are due before midnight on their due date. Please note that it is the student's responsibility to keep a copy of each submitted assignment and to ensure that the proper version is submitted."

LATE ASSIGNMENTS

 Late assignments will be accepted only in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion or the instructor and assignments submitted after the deadline may be penalized with a grade reduction.

EXPECTATIONS FOR WRITING

All assignments will be assessed partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface
correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and
organization. Sources used in research papers must be properly documented and referenced in APA
format. If you need writing support, please connect with the Student Success Centre, at:
https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/writing-support

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

It is expected that all work submitted in assignments is the student's own work, written expressly by
the student for this particular course. Students are reminded that academic misconduct, including
plagiarism, has serious consequences, as set out in the University Calendar:
http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html

GRADING

A student's final grade for the course is the sum of the separate assignments. It is not necessary to pass each assignment separately in order to pass the course.

The University of Calgary **Graduate Grading System** and Faculty of Social Work Percentage Conversion will be used.

Grade	Grade	Description	Percentage
	Point		
A+	4.0	Outstanding	95-100
Α	4.0	Excellent – superior performance, showing	95-100
		comprehensive understanding of subject matter	
A-	3.7	Very Good Performance	90-94
B+	3.3	Good Performance	85-89
В	3.0	Satisfactory performance. Note : The grade point	80-84
		value (3.0) associated with this grade is the	
		minimum acceptable average that a graduate	
		student must maintain throughout the	
		programme as computed at the end of each year	
		of their program.	
B-	2.7	Minimum pass for students in Graduate Studies.	75-79
		Note : Students who accumulate two grades of	
		"B-" or lower can be required by the Faculty to	
		withdraw from the programme regardless of the	
		grade point average.	
C+	2.3	All grades below "B-" are indicative of failure at	70-74
		the graduate level and cannot be counted towards	
		Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements.	
С	2.00		65-69
C-	1.70		60-64
D+	1.30		55-59
D	1.00		50-54
F	0.00		Below 50

COURSE EVALUATION

Student feedback will be sought at the end of the course through the standard University and Faculty of Social Work course evaluation forms. Students are welcome to discuss the process and content of the course at any time with the instructor.

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY POLICIES AND SUPPORTS

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

As members of the University community, students and staff are expected to demonstrate conduct that is consistent with the University of Calgary Calendar http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html

Students and staff are also expected to demonstrate professional behaviour in class that promotes and maintains a positive and productive learning environment. Consistent with the aims of the Social Work Program and the University of Calgary, all students and staff are expected to respect, appreciate, and encourage expression of diverse world views and perspectives; to offer their fellow community members unconditional respect and constructive feedback; and to contribute to building learning communities that promote individual and collective professional and personal growth. While critical thought and debate is valued in response to concepts and opinions shared in class, feedback must always be focused on the ideas or opinions shared and not on the person who has stated them.

Students and staff are expected to model behaviour in class that is consistent with our professional values and ethics, as outlined in the Canadian Association for Social Workers, Code of Ethics (2005) and the Alberta College of Social Work Standards of Practice (2019). Both can be found online at: https://acsw.ab.ca/site/practice-resources?nav=sidebar

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures. Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS). SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf

RESEARCH ETHICS

"If a student is interested in undertaking an assignment that will involve collecting information from members of the public, they should speak with the course instructor and consult the CFREB Ethics Website (http://www.ucalgary.ca/research/researchers/ethics-compliance/cfreb) before beginning the assignment.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please see the University of Calgary Calendar at http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html

INSTRUCTOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Course materials created by professor(s) (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the professor(s). These materials may NOT be reproduced, redistributed or copied without the explicit consent of the professor. The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is

prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students enrolled in the course at the same time may be allowed under fair dealing.

COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION

All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/acceptable-use-of-material-protected-by-copyright-policy.pdf) and requirements of the copyright act (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorised sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE POLICY

The University recognizes that all members of the University Community should be able to learn, work, teach and live in an environment where they are free from harassment, discrimination, and violence. The University of Calgary's sexual violence policy guides us in how we respond to incidents of sexual violence, including supports available to those who have experienced or witnessed sexual violence, or those who are alleged to have committed sexual violence. It provides clear response procedures and timelines, defines complex concepts, and addresses incidents that occur off-campus in certain circumstances. Please see the policy available at https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/sexual-violence-policy.pdf

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please visit the Registrar's website at: https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines for additional important information on the following:

- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Information
- Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points
- Safewalk