

**CARLETON UNIVERSITY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY**  
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**Anthropology of Development**  
**ANTH 2850 A**

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**Method of Delivery: Online Asynchronous + Synchronous**

**Course Description:** This course will provide a broad overview of contemporary development issues, theoretical debates and practical challenges in international development and globalization. It aims at familiarizing the students with different concepts, theories, and practices of development as well as the methodological challenges and issues in international development. A few case studies will be explored to highlight the theoretical gap that has impacted the lives of working people, women, and indigenous peoples in the developing world.

**Reading (s)/Textbook (s):**

This course does not have a textbook. All reading materials are available through ARES and online library of Carleton. The link is provided in the bright space. Selected readings are listed below.

De Saardan, O. (2005) 'The Socio-Anthropology of Development,' in *Anthropology and Development: Understanding contemporary Social Change*. London & New York: Zed Book. Pp. 23-41.

Arturo Escobar (1991) 'Anthropology and the Development Encounter: Making and Marketing of Development Anthropology. *American Ethnologist* Vol.18(4): 658-682

Schaer, Haslam and Beaudet (2017) "Meaning, "Measurement and Mortality in International Development", in Haslam, A. P., Schafer, J. and Beaudet, P. (Eds.) *Introduction to International Development: Approaches, Actors and Issues*. pp. 2-24

Watt, A.C. (2011) "The Relevance and Complexity of Civilizing Missions c. 1800-2010", in Mann, M. & Watt, A.C. (Eds.) *Civilizing Mission in Colonial and Postcolonial South Asia: from Improvement to Development*. pp.1- 34

Harris, J. (2014) 'Development Theories", in Alder, B., Kanbur, R. Malone, D. & Medhora, R. (Eds.) *International Development: Ideas, Experience and Prospects*, pp. 35-49

Dalakoglou, D. & Kallianos, Y. (2018) "Eating mountains' and 'eating each other': Disjunctive modernization, infrastructural imaginaries and crisis in Greece", *Political geography* .67, pp. 76-87.

Saidul, I& Hui, S. L. (2015) "When nature strikes a sociology of climate change and disaster vulnerabilities in Asia", *Nature and Culture*, Vol. 10(1) pp. 57-81

**Course Requirements & Methods of Evaluation:**

<b>Assignments</b>	<b>weight</b>
Reading Reflection	20 %
Discussion Forum	20%
Final Research paper	30%
Final Take Home Exam	30%