

Development studies

Essentials

Taught programmes

MA degrees

Development Studies (IDS)
 Environment, Development and Policy (School of Global Studies)
 Gender and Development (IDS and School of Global Studies)
 Globalisation and Development (IDS)
 Governance and Development (IDS)
 Participation, Power and Social Change (IDS)
 Poverty and Development (IDS)
 Science, Society and Development (IDS)
 Social Development (School of Global Studies)

MSc degree

Social Research Methods (School of Global Studies. For details, refer to page 14)

Research programmes

MPhil, PhD Development Studies (School of Global Studies)
 PhD Development Studies (IDS)

Related programmes

MA in Anthropology of Development and Social Transformation (p40)
 MSc in Climate Change and Development (p59)
 MA in Conflict, Security and Development (p111)
 MSc in Development Economics (p78)
 MA in Globalisation, Ethnicity and Culture (p127)
 MA in Human Rights (p107)
 MSc in Innovation and Sustainability for International Development (p144)
 MA in International Education and Development (p81)
 MA in Migration Studies (p127)

Admissions requirements

For information on overseas qualifications that meet the admissions requirements, refer to pages 156-157

MA programmes at IDS

A first- or upper second-class undergraduate honours degree in the social sciences or a related discipline, and professional work experience in a developing country or in development-related work, which is a factor in selection (one year for Development Studies; two years for Gender and Development, Globalisation and Development, Governance and Development, Poverty and Development, and Science, Society and Development; and three years for Participation, Power and Social Change). Applications must be accompanied by a detailed, two-page personal statement

MA programmes in the School of Global Studies

A first- or upper second-class undergraduate honours degree in the social or natural sciences. Applicants with other degrees or relevant practical work experience will also be considered

MSc in Social Research Methods

A first- or upper second-class undergraduate honours degree in a relevant social sciences subject, but applicants with other backgrounds may be considered. Applicants should submit an outline (two to three pages) of their research interests and state how studying for the MSc will help develop those interests, possibly for further research

MPhil

A first- or upper second-class undergraduate honours degree in any relevant social science but applicants with other backgrounds may be considered. Applicants should submit an outline (two to three pages) of their research interests

PhD

A Masters degree in any relevant social science but candidates with other backgrounds may be considered. Applicants should submit an outline proposal indicating the nature, ambition and primary questions of the research project

English language requirements

All programmes at IDS

IELTS 7.0, with not less than 6.5 in each section. Internet TOEFL with 100 overall, with at least 21 in Listening, 22 in Reading and 27 in both Speaking and Writing

All programmes in the School of Global Studies

IELTS 6.5, with not less than 6.5 in Writing and 6.0 in the other sections. Internet TOEFL with 92 overall, with 21 in Listening, 22 in Reading, 24 in Speaking and 25 in Writing. For more information and alternative English language requirements, refer to page 156

Fees

Refer to pages 158-159 for information on fees

Further information

All programmes at IDS

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Sussex has a worldwide reputation for excellence in the field of international development. We offer an exciting range of taught and research degrees based at the School of Global Studies and at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS).

Global Studies is a unique interdisciplinary school, where you will benefit from:

- cutting-edge research on development and high-profile research centres linking development to other global issues such as migration, human rights and security
- international faculty with expertise in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas, with a critical and engaged approach to development combining academic analysis and policy expertise
- a distinctive programme of guest lectures, research seminars and other events covering a range of global political and development-related issues
- access to research placements with partner organisations around the world and our worldwide alumni base.

Founded in 1966, IDS is a leading global organisation for research, teaching and communications on international development. By studying at IDS you will benefit from:

- research-led teaching programmes, drawing on the expertise of IDS Fellows and researchers renowned for their academic excellence in international development
- a close-knit and supportive learning environment that allows you to develop your own specialism within development studies
- IDS distinct theoretical perspectives on communication and influencing and their contribution to social change
- being part of the IDS Alumni professional international development network with over 2,000 members in 114 countries
- our strong working relationships with many collaborators and partner organisations around the world.

Taught programmes

MA in Development Studies

1 year full time

You will be based in IDS.

The complex challenges of global poverty and development are making ever greater demands on those working in aid agencies, governments, NGOs and policy and research institutes. Meeting these challenges calls for creative development professionals who can apply and integrate critical thinking and practical experience and be innovative in seeking meaningful solutions.

This MA provides a solid grounding in international development concepts, theories and approaches. It is designed to enhance career opportunities in international development by helping you gain the professional skills you will need to work at the intersections of policy, research and practice. You will also be able to understand the main theories, concepts and debates of development and to draw on this knowledge in your professional work, engage in an informed and critical way with professionals from diverse backgrounds and perspectives, and approach development problems with creativity, confidence and the ability to work collaboratively with others.

This programme is structured to allow strong coherence and some integration with the other specialised MA programmes offered at IDS.

Career opportunities

Our graduates work in government departments and ministries of foreign affairs, as well as the UN's UNICEF, UNDP, FAO and the WFP. They apply their expertise to academic research in universities and institutes like the Women's Research Institute, Educational Trust Malawi, and the British Institute of Human Rights.

Programme structure

Autumn term: you take Ideas in Development • Policy, Evidence and Practice, and *either* Managing Globalisation or Sociology, Anthropology and the Development Conundrum. You also take the six-week course Introduction to Economics.

Spring term: two from Business as a Development Actor • Competing in the Global Economy • Economics for Development • Empowering Society • Key Issues in Gender and Development • Poverty and Inequality • Public Management and Organisational Development • Science and Policy Processes: Issues in Health, Environment and Agriculture • Science, Knowledge and the Politics of Development • The Politics of Implementing Gender and Development • Vulnerability and Social Protection.

Summer term: two half-term options from a list that may include Aid and Poverty: the Political Economy of International Development Assistance • Analysing Poverty and Vulnerability • China and International Development • Climate Change and Development • Decentralisation and Local Government • Doing Gender and Development • Global Governance • Governance of Violent Conflict and (In)Security • Politics of Pro-Poor Policies • Post-Conflict and Very Poor Countries • Reflective Practice and Social Change • Rethinking Health Systems. You also begin work on your dissertation. . .

Assessment

Assessment is primarily through term papers of 3,000-5,000 words, coursework assignments, presentations, practical exercises and, for some courses, examinations, as well as a final 10,000-word dissertation.



MA in Environment, Development and Policy

1 year full time/2 years part time

You will be based in the School of Global Studies.

The focus of this degree is the analysis of environmental change and natural resource management mainly, but not exclusively, in developing countries. It is intended for students interested in researching or working in the field of environmental management in developing countries, and for those hoping to embark on related careers.

Career opportunities

Our graduates go on to work in national and international development agencies within and beyond government, as well as in NGOs and community organisations. Recent graduates have gone on to work at the UNDP, the Centre for Science and the Environment, India; Ministry of the Environment, Japan; International Organization for Migration; and a range of NGOs in Brazil, Ecuador, Indonesia, Mexico and Vietnam.

Programme structure

This MA is built around a number of core courses and options. However, it is also possible for you to choose an option from other programmes within the School of Global Studies, subject to the fulfilment of any prerequisites and the availability of places. Note that not all options run in any one year.

Autumn term: Political Economy of the Environment • Theories of Development and Underdevelopment.

Spring term: you take Critical Debates in Environment and Development, plus one from Environmental Policy and Industrial Technology • Globalisation and Rural Change • Migration, Inequality and Social Change • The Architecture of Aid. Other options may also be available.

Summer term: you take Geographical Information Systems or Methods in Development or Techniques in Campaigning, Advocacy and Activism. You also work on your dissertation.

Assessment

Most courses are assessed through 5,000-word term papers. You also write a 10,000-word dissertation.

MA in Gender and Development

1 year full time

You will be based in IDS. This MA is jointly run by the School of Global Studies and IDS. For entry requirements, refer to the IDS requirements in Essentials on page 70.

IDS research on gender goes beyond the narrow confines of many development projects, taking on issues such as political economy and conflict that have strong implications for development policy. Our groundbreaking work challenges normative ideas about gender with more nuanced, fluid perspectives on femininity, masculinity, women and men, and the way they interact.

This programme brings together experts from a range of academic disciplines and policy experiences with extensive knowledge in research, consultancy and operational work across a range of social science disciplines.

This MA will give you in-depth knowledge and capacity for gender analysis of specific themes, such as reproductive health, rights, identity, environment and social protection, and the tools required to participate effectively in gender and development-related research, policy-making, and implementation.

The programme provides a thorough grounding in policy and planning skills.

Career opportunities

Our graduates become specialists and advisors in gender and human rights for governments worldwide including ministries of foreign affairs in countries such as Azerbaijan and Indonesia. They work for the UN's UNIFEM and USAID. Some of our graduates also go on to teach gender studies in universities around the world.

Programme structure

Autumn term: Gender Analysis and Theoretical Perspectives • Ideas in Development and Policy, Evidence and Practice.

Spring term: Key Issues in Gender and Development • Politics of Implementing Gender and Development.

Summer term: two half-term options from a list that may include Aid and Poverty: the Political Economy of International Development Assistance • Analysing Poverty and Vulnerability • China and International Development • Climate Change and Development • Decentralisation and Local Government • Doing Gender and Development • Global Governance • Governance of Violent Conflict and (In)Security • Politics of Pro-Poor Policies • Post-Conflict and Very Poor Countries • Reflective Practice and Social Change • Rethinking Health Systems. You also begin work on your dissertation.

Assessment

Assessment is primarily through term papers of 3,000-5,000 words, coursework assignments, presentations, practical exercises and, for some courses, examinations, as well as a final 10,000-word dissertation.

MA in Globalisation and Development 1 year full time

You will be based in IDS.

As the impact of the financial crisis unfolds, the shift of economic power from West to East continues. China is making its mark in Africa and expanding its influence in other countries. This programme offers a fresh perspective on globalisation issues, with a focus on the new drivers of the world economy.

We will provide you with the analytical and practical skills needed to understand globalisation processes and to participate in the formulation of policies for sustainable development. This MA is based on the view that the impact of trade and financial market policies on countries, producers and workers is influenced by how they are integrated into the global system, and that there is scope for the many actors involved to influence change.

Additional admissions information

Applicants with experience or knowledge of private-sector engagement are welcome to apply.

Career opportunities

Our graduates pursue careers in a wide range of organisations including bilateral agencies such as the Department for International Development (DFID) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), as well as international organisations such as UNIDO, UNCTAD, ILO and the development banks. Our graduates also follow careers in the private sector and in corporate social responsibility and social enterprises, as well as in NGOs and the media.

Programme structure

Autumn term: Ideas in Development and Policy, Evidence and Practice • Managing Globalisation. You also take the six-week course Introduction to Economics.

Spring term: Business as a Development Actor
• Competing in the Global Economy.

Summer term: you take two half-term options from a list that may include Aid and Poverty: the Political Economy of International Development Assistance • Analysing Poverty and Vulnerability
• China and International Development
• Climate Change and Development • Global Governance • Decentralisation and Local Government • Doing Gender and Development
• Governance of Violent Conflict and (In)Security
• Politics of Pro-Poor Policies • Post-Conflict and Very Poor Countries • Reflective Practice and Social Change • Rethinking Health Systems. You also begin work on your dissertation.

Assessment

Assessment is primarily through term papers of 3,000-5,000 words, coursework assignments, presentations, practical exercises and, for some courses, examinations, as well as a final 10,000-word dissertation.

MA in Governance and Development 1 year full time

You will be based in IDS.

Many development problems are attributed to 'bad governance', but what is 'good governance'? To what extent and in what ways does governance actually affect development, and how can the quality of governance be improved? This MA explores these questions and will equip you with the ability to critically assess competing theories of the public sector's role in social and economic development; develop and implement policies for improving the effectiveness, accountability and legitimacy of governance in specific settings; and understand the significance of current processes for international and national institutions.

This programme is for you if you already have an understanding of debates on governance, and it aims to enhance your capacity to develop and implement policies in both public-sector organisations and NGOs. This MA is based around the work of IDS' dynamic Governance Team, which is actively engaged in policy-related research on a broad range of governance-related issues worldwide.

Career opportunities

Our graduates go on to work as legal and policy advisors on governance and human rights for government ministries, UN agencies, the Refugee Council and bilateral and multilateral agencies such as the World Bank. They work on citizen engagement in NGOs including Afghan Aid, Global Fund to Fight Aids and Christian Aid. They also work in academic research.

Programme structure

Autumn term: Governance, Politics and Development • Ideas in Development and Policy, Evidence and Practice.

Spring term: you take two from Democracy and Development • Empowering Society • Public Management and Organisational Development.

Summer term: two half-term options from a list that may include Aid and Poverty: the Political Economy of International Development Assistance • Analysing Poverty and Vulnerability
• China and International Development
• Climate Change and Development
• Decentralisation and Local Government
• Doing Gender and Development • Global Governance • Governance of Violent Conflict and (In)Security • Politics of Pro-Poor Policies • Post-Conflict and Very Poor Countries • Reflective Practice and Social Change • Rethinking Health Systems. You also begin work on your dissertation.

Assessment

Assessment is primarily through term papers of 3,000-5,000 words, coursework assignments, presentations, practical exercises and, for some courses, examinations, as well as a final 10,000-word dissertation.

MA in Participation, Power and Social Change 18 months (full time and work-based learning)

You will be based in IDS.

IDS' work around the theme of participation, power and social change is part of a global research collaboration that explores how people participate in society in pursuit of social justice. We work with people to identify and implement alternative approaches to social change that respond to local situations and bridge operational practice with research and policy change.

Designed for experienced practitioners, this MA combines intensive coursework with work-based learning and action research. It will provide you with an understanding of conceptual, theoretical and methodological approaches to participation as applied to practical challenges in development and governance; practical skills in participatory processes and action research; and abilities of critical thinking, analysis and reflective practice, as well as personal development of values and attitudes useful in pursuing participatory approaches.

Additional admissions information

Note that applicants are responsible for arranging their own placements for work-based learning. Applications must be accompanied by an initial letter of support from the host organisation.

Career opportunities

Our graduates work in conservation, agricultural, food, finance and state ministries, UN agencies such as UNESCO, government departments such as DFID, and NGOs including ActionAid.

Programme structure

This programme is a combination of two 10-week full-time blocks of study based at IDS (Parts 1 and 3), and 12 months of part-time work-based learning (Part 2).

Part 1 (September to December)

Autumn term, Year 1: Foundations of Participation • Ideas in Development • Policy, Evidence and Practice – a 10-week intensive study at IDS used to explore concepts and approaches and to design an individual learning plan.

Part 2 (January to December)

Work-based learning.

Part 3 (January to March)

Spring term, Year 2: Critical Reflection and Analysis: Integrating Theory and Practice, a final 10-week period at IDS to undertake further course work, reflect on work experience and write a synthesis paper linking concepts and practice. You also take a second course from Business as a Development Actor • Competing in the Global Economy • Economics for Development
• Empowering Society • Key Issues in Gender and Development • Poverty and Inequality
• Public Management and Organisational Development • Science and Policy Processes: Issues in Health, Environment and Agriculture
• Science, Knowledge and the Politics of Development • The Politics of Implementing Gender and Development • Vulnerability and Social Protection.

Assessment

Assessment develops your capacity to reflect, self-evaluate, and monitor your own learning in consultation with your supervisor. Methods will include written assignments, a learning plan, course participation, progress reports, portfolio items and presentations, and individual and peer-review sessions, as well as a 15,000-word synthesis paper.

MA in Poverty and Development 1 year full-time

You will be based in IDS.

The experience of the financial crisis has sharpened our sense that we live in a time of increasing insecurity and instability. But life has been insecure and unstable for the world's poorest people for many years. This programme aims to provide you with a solid grounding in the concepts and theories and analytical and practical skills needed to engage critically in current debates on poverty and development issues from a cross-disciplinary perspective.

You will gain an understanding of the main theories of development in their historical and contemporary context, with specialised knowledge of the treatment of poverty reduction within the development discourse. You will approach issues in poverty reduction and development with confidence through a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and inquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge.

You will engage in an informed and critical way with other professionals from diverse social science backgrounds concerned with poverty reduction and development issues. You will use commonly applied research methods and skills, drawing on both qualitative and quantitative methods.

Career opportunities

Our graduates go on to work for the UN including the Population Fund, UNAIDS, ILO and UNFPA. They work for government departments like SIDA, and NGOs including Korea Food for the Hungry (KFH). They also work in academic research.

Programme structure

Autumn term: Ideas in Development and Policy, Evidence and Practice • Poverty and Development: Disciplinary Perspectives. You also take the six-week course Introduction to Economics.

Spring term: Poverty and Inequality
• Vulnerability and Social Protection.

Summer term: two half-term options from a list that may include Aid and Poverty: the Political Economy of International Development Assistance • Analysing Poverty and Vulnerability
• China and International Development
• Climate Change and Development
• Decentralisation and Local Government
• Doing Gender and Development • Global Governance • Governance of Violent Conflict and (In)Security • Politics of Pro-Poor Policies
• Post-Conflict and Very Poor Countries
• Reflective Practice and Social Change
• Rethinking Health Systems. You also begin work on your dissertation.

Assessment

Assessment is primarily through term papers of 3,000-5,000 words, coursework assignments, presentations, practical exercises and, for some courses, examinations, as well as a final 10,000-word dissertation.

MA in Science, Society and Development 1 year full-time

You will be based in IDS.

With climate change, will there be enough water for people to survive the 21st century? What are the implications for a global pandemic? Who benefits from new technologies like GM crops? In a time of rapid social and environmental change, these questions are more pressing than ever, especially for people in the developing world.

This MA is designed for people interested in the intersection between science, policy and development. The degree is appropriate both for natural and social science graduates wishing to enhance their interdisciplinary understanding and policy-related skills. It will provide you with a theoretically informed understanding of debates in development, sociological studies of science and technology, and governance and policy processes, while promoting a people-oriented approach.

It will equip you with the ability to critically examine and reflect on the role of science in environmental, health and agricultural issues within development, using a cross-disciplinary perspective; engage in an informed and critical way with other professionals; apply practical methods and frameworks to research problems; and advance policy debates on key issues relating to food and agriculture, health and disease, water and sanitation, and agricultural research problems.

Career opportunities

Our graduates have gone on to work in government and in government agencies – recent graduates include a researcher in the Parliament of South Africa and a Development Officer for CIDA. Our graduates have become advisors and consultants in UN agencies such as IFAD or in the private sector working for KPMG. They have also gone on to work in academic research such as a Research Fellow at the African Centre for Technology Studies.

Programme structure

Autumn term: Ideas in Development and Policy, Evidence and Practice • Science, Institutions and Power.

Spring term: Science and Policy Processes: Issues in Health, Environment and Agriculture
• Science, Knowledge and the Politics of Development.

Summer term: two half-term options from a list that may include Aid and Poverty: the Political Economy of International Development Assistance • Analysing Poverty and Vulnerability
• China and International Development
• Climate Change and Development
• Decentralisation and Local Government
• Doing Gender and Development • Global Governance • Governance of Violent Conflict and (In)Security • Politics of Pro-Poor Policies • Post-Conflict and Very Poor Countries • Reflective Practice and Social Change • Rethinking Health Systems. You also begin work on your dissertation.

Assessment

Assessment is primarily through term papers of 3,000-5,000 words, coursework assignments, presentations, practical exercises and, for some courses, examinations, as well as a final 10,000-word dissertation.

MA in Social Development 1 year full-time/2 years part-time

You will be based in the School of Global Studies.

This MA provides you with an intellectual understanding of the major issues in social development and an introduction to the knowledge and skills necessary for social development practitioners. Taught by active practitioners in the field of social development, the programme provides opportunities for those already involved in social development to reflect on their activities in this field, while enabling those who have no experience of social development to gain the appropriate skills and knowledge. It is taught through a combination of lectures, seminars and workshops, and emphasis is placed not only on developing your academic and analytical skills but also on improving your presentation skills.

Career opportunities

Our graduates go on to work in development agencies within and beyond government, as well as in NGOs and community organisations. Recent graduates include a consultant for the Colombian government and a Country Director for Shelter for Life International (Uganda).

Programme structure

This MA is built around a number of core courses and options. However, it is also possible for you to choose an option from other MA programmes in the School Global Studies, subject to the fulfilment of any prerequisites and the availability of places. Note that not all options run in any one year.

Autumn term: Concepts of Social Development • Theories of Development and Underdevelopment.

Spring term: you take The Architecture of Aid plus one from Activism for Development and Social Justice • Anthropology of Childhood
• Anthropology of Reconciliation and Reconstruction • Critical Debates in Environment and Development • Cultural Understandings of Health and Healing • Embodiment and Institutionalisation of Violence, Conflict and Conciliation • Environmental Policy and Industrial Technology • Ethics and Engagement in the Global Economy • Globalisation and Rural Change • International Relations of Global Environment Change • Knowledge, Power and Resistance • Migration, Inequality and Social Change • Poverty, Marginality and Everyday Lives
• Refugees and Development • Transnational Migration and Diaspora.

Summer term: Methods in Development. You also work on your dissertation.

Assessment

Most courses are examined through 5,000-word term papers. You also write a 10,000-word dissertation.

MSc in Social Research Methods 1 year full-time/2 years part-time

Refer to Routes to postgraduate study at Sussex on page 14 for more information about this programme, including structure and assessment.

Research programmes

Research at the School of Global Studies

We welcome enquiries from students wishing to undertake research in any areas of faculty interest.

All research students are required to complete an appropriate programme of research methods training. This may involve enrolling on the MSc in Social Research Methods – a stand-alone Masters programme – before proceeding to a PhD. This is known as a 1+3 programme. Refer to page 14 for more information.

Students who have already completed a programme of research methods training can apply for the basic, three-year doctoral programme leading to a PhD.

Coursework and supervision

Whether you start the three-year PhD or the 1+3 MSc/PhD programme, you will normally be required to complete some research methods training courses and possibly some specialist thematic courses drawn from the MA programmes. You will be allocated two academic supervisors with whom you work for the duration of your research programme. These are allocated according to their regional and thematic expertise, to provide a complementary 'match' with your research.

Fieldwork

Research degrees usually involve fieldwork away from Sussex during the second year of your PhD. Supervision continues during fieldwork, while you gather data to be written up in the final year. Students on the 1+3 programme can normally go to the field by the middle of their second year.

Recent thesis titles

Aboriginal property rights and biodiversity within the globalised political economy

Building capacity for community economic development: the case of Kat River Valley, South Africa

Community development among the Khasis in Meghalaya, India

Conservation, development and participation: the rhetoric of medicinal plant policy in Nepal

Emancipation and overcoming metaphysics in post-development thought

Enterprise development and informality: case studies from Mozambique

Environmental degradation and sustainable livelihoods following the return of Mozambican refugees from Dedza and Ntcheu Districts, Malawi

Legitimacy of local institutions for natural resource management in Manica, Mozambique

Poverty, livelihoods, social capital and migration: a case of two villages in northwest Cambodia

Small farmers and the political economy of pesticide use in banana production in St Lucia

Career opportunities

Many of our graduates find employment in the development world, within which we have strong international networks, or go on to do further research.

Research at IDS

Research students are based in the Institute of Development Studies. For more information, visit www.ids.ac.uk

IDS runs a PhD programme for research in areas aligned to our Research Teams and Fellows. Prospective applicants, and those applying for the MSc in Social Research Methods (refer to page 14) with a view to subsequently enrolling for a doctorate, are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with the research priorities of our Research Teams and Fellows, and to enter into dialogue with them, prior to application.

Information on research priorities can be obtained at www.ids.ac.uk/go/research-teams Alternatively, a current annual report can be obtained from the IDS teaching team:
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Registration

Students are required to register (and pay full-time fees) for a minimum of three years.

Coursework

Research training needs will be assessed at the time of application and admission. You may be required to undertake coursework on research skills. You will be allocated two academic supervisors with whom you work for the duration of your studies.

Fieldwork

Research degrees normally require fieldwork, usually in the second year of your programme of study.

Recent thesis titles

Dancing with the experts: an activist re-search for legitimacy in Egypt's aid relations

Essays on the macroeconomic management of foreign aid flows in Africa

Food demand. Uncertainty and investments in human capital. Three essays on rural Andhra Pradesh, India

Hidden on the line: labour contracting in the Korean automobile industry

In-flux: (re)negotiations of gender, identity and 'home' in post-war Southern Sudan

Outsourcing and the rise of innovation software services in Bangalore

Risk and insurance in Rural Africa

Taxation, responsiveness and accountability in Sub-Saharan Africa

Career opportunities

Many of our graduates have gone on to careers in further research.



Specialist facilities

Specialist facilities at the School of Global Studies

The University offers extensive computing facilities with a full range of data-processing and communications software. Office space is usually allocated to students taking research degrees. You will have full access to the University's main Library and its online collection, and limited access to the British Library of Development Studies at IDS, which is located on the Sussex campus (refer below for more information).

Specialist facilities at IDS

IDS plays a lead role in the provision, development and support of information and intermediary services that build a bridge between development research and development policy and practice. The IDS Knowledge Services include both broad-based services such as the development policy, research and practice information online gateway Eldis, and specialist services such as BRIDGE (gender), the Governance and Social Development Resource Centre (GSDRC) and the Livelihoods Connect Network. IDS Knowledge Services also work in partnerships with organisations in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. For more information, visit www.ids.ac.uk/go/knowledge-services

The British Library for Development Studies (BLDS) (refer to page 21) is Europe's most comprehensive research collection on economic and social change in developing countries. IDS students have full access to a wide range of online databases, CD-ROMs, e-books and e-journals in addition to the facilities at the University's main Library.

Faculty research interests

Faculty research interests at the School of Global Studies

There is a close academic collaboration between the International Development Programme and departments and interdisciplinary research centres at Sussex, both within and outside the School of Global Studies. Both faculty and students are members of the Centre for Colonial and Postcolonial Studies, the Centre for World Environmental History, the Justice and Violence Research Centre, and Sussex Centre for Migration Research.

Research interests are briefly described below. For more detailed information, visit www.sussex.ac.uk/development

Andreas Antoniadis Globalisation, political economy.

Professor Richard Black Migration, poverty and development; natural resource management.

Grace Carswell East Africa, Southern India; rural livelihoods; population-environment interactions.

Professor Andrea Cornwall Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Brazil, India, UK: political anthropology, gender.

Vinita Damodaran Protest and nationalism in India.

Geert de Neve Politics of labour in India; anthropology of globalisation.

Professor Saul Dubow Racial segregation and apartheid; ethnicity and national identity; the nature of imperialism and of colonial science.

Professor Mick Dunford China; regional and urban economic development.

Nigel Eltringham Rwanda; anthropology of rights and reconciliation.

Professor James Fairhead West and central Africa; environmental anthropology; conflict, violence, health.

Meike Fechter Ethnographies of aid workers, gender, South Asia.

Professor Katy Gardner Mining, livelihoods and social development in Bangladesh; transnational migration and development.

Elizabeth Harrison Partnership and participation, development discourses, UK and sub-Saharan Africa.

Pamela Kea Gender relations, agrarian change and development.

Evan Killick Poverty, development and social relations in Amazonia.

Mark Leopold Conflict and political violence in Uganda.

Professor Alan Lester Colonial origins of humanitarianism; imperial networks in Africa and Australia.

Julie Litchfield Poverty and development.

Peter Luetchford Central America; fair trade and development.

Kamran Matin Processes of modern socio-political transformation in the Middle East.

Filippo Osella Social relations; migration; masculinity in South India.

Fabio Petito International political theory, international relations of the Mediterranean.

Rebecca Prentice Health, gender and the politics of labour.

Dinah Rajak Corporate social responsibility and development.

David Robinson Impacts of development; environmental change; soils, coasts.

Ben Rogaly Political economy of migrant work in India.

Pedram Rowhani Climate change and food, GIS, East Africa.

Jan Selby Peace processes and water politics in the Middle East.

Ben Selwyn Export production and development in Brazil.

Lisa Smirl Politics of humanitarian assistance, natural disasters and reconstruction.

Professor Ronald Skeldon Professorial Fellow. Population migration in the developing world, especially Asia.

Anna Stavrianakis Global arms trade; civil society; imperialism.

Maya Unnithan India; reproductive rights and development.

IDS Fellows and research interests

The range of faculty research activities is illustrated below. More information is available at www.ids.ac.uk

Jeremy Allouche Access to water and sanitation and pro-poor regulation; water security.

Christopher Béné Socio-economic, governance and policy issues related to natural resources.

Evangelia Berdou Implications of information communication technologies (ICTs).

Marc P Berenson Public policy in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Gerald Bloom Finance; performance of markets for health-related goods and services.

Danny Burns Participatory methods; systemic action research; community development.

Terry Cannon Rural livelihoods, disaster vulnerability and climate change adaptation.

Deepta Chopra Managing and designing livelihoods programmes and poverty policies; gender.

Xavier Cirera The impact of different regional and preferential trade agreements.

Professor Richard Crook Governance and administration; state-civil society relations.

Stephen Devereux Economist working on food security; rural livelihoods.

Jerker Edstrom Gender and masculinities; the informal economy of sex; HIV-related citizenship.

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Peter Houtzager Political empowerment strategies and democratisation processes.

Professor John Humphrey Global concentration in retail.

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Patricia Justino The micro-level causes and effects of violent conflict.

Akshay Khanna Continuities between eroticism and violence; gender.



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Matthew Lockwood The politics of climate policy and low-carbon innovation.

Henry Lucas Health sector; social protection and health PRSP monitoring.

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Edoardo Masset International development in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Rosemary McGee Southern ownership and partnership in development co-operation.

Professor J Allister McGregor The concept of well-being to analyse persistence of poverty.

Lyla Mehta The politics of water and scarcity of water, forced migration; gender.

Andrés Mejía Acosta Budgetary politics and state capacities in Latin America.

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Professor Mick Moore Political and institutional aspects of 'good government'.

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Lizbeth Navas-Aleman Governance and upgrading issues in clusters and value chains.

Andrew Newsham Local knowledge and participation in conservation and development.

Alan Nicol Water and livelihood security.

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Keetie Roelen Poverty, poverty reduction policies and social assistance and protection policies.

Professor Sherman Robinson International trade; macroeconomic policy; poverty.

Rachel Sabates-Wheeler Comparative law; post-socialist transition; gender.



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Stephen Spratt Global and national financial sector reform and regulation.

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Andy Sumner Poverty reduction strategies; childhood poverty.

Mariz Tadros Gender empowerment; advocacy, participation and development.

Thomas Tanner The policy and practice of adaptation to climate change.

John Thompson The political ecology and governance of agri-food systems.

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Linda Waldman Racial classification, ethnicity, identity, ritual and gender in South Africa.

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