Learning objectives

The course aims at providing theoretical and methodological tools to critically analyze specific conceptual categories such as “globalization”, “development”, “humanitarian intervention”.

Contents

Critical anthropological approach to development, globalization and humanitarian intervention

Detailed program

Globalization and local development will be discussed through the critical analysis of NGO’s activities, International organizations dealing with economic development, and humanitarian intervention. The emergence of new professionals and new technocrats engaged on development, and their influential role on policy making will be discussed as well.

- The anthropological gaze will be used

a) to deconstruct development as a hegemonic expression of capitalism;

b) to look at the outcomes of development and humanitarian projects;
c) to look at their (un)intended consequences

**Prerequisites**

Mastery of theoretical knowledge and methodological basis regarding anthropology and good skills in learning, writing and oral communication. English language required.

**Teaching methods**

Lectures, work project, class discussions.

**Assessment methods**

Evaluation for attending students: participation in the discussions; work project in class; one essay paper.

Evaluation for not attending students: One essay paper, one short paper on keywords (see course website for the keywords listing.

The content of the essay paper must be arranged with the instructor and the paper format must comply with the rules that can be retrieved form this elearning platform in the appropriate section.

**Textbooks and Reading Materials**

**On Relativism:**

- Barba, Bruno (a cura di) (2008) Tutto è relativo. La prospettiva in antropologia. SEID, Firenze


On globalizzazione:


On the post-modern critique:


- Foucault, Michel (2005), Nascita della biopolitica : corso al Collège de France (1978-1979), Milano: Feltrinelli, 2005

On development:


- Easterly, William (2006) The White Man’s Burden: Why the West’s efforts to aid the rest have done so much ill and so little