

International rural development (LU0086)
1st November, 2024 – 19th January, 2025
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Course Practicalities

Course leaders

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Course Aim

The purpose of this course is to provide students with a basic understanding of ecological, social, political and economic aspects of rural development in the global South. In order to achieve this aim the course offers an introduction to relevant theoretical frameworks, concepts, approaches, and discussions concerning aspects of rural livelihoods. Further, the course will provide students with an understanding of current potentials and obstacles in rural development in the global South.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, the students shall, verbally and in writing, be able to:

- Discuss theoretical and empirical aspects of rural development in the global South.
- Discuss the main components of livelihood strategies in different rural settings.
- Compare and discuss how different notions of, and approaches to, development are linked to contemporary processes of globalization and environmental, agrarian and social change.
- Compare and discuss theoretical and empirical perspectives on globalisation, and the specific impacts of global processes on different local rural contexts.

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Week 44 Course Overview & Introduction

					Fri 01/11
					10.00-12.00 Introduction and co-creation to the course Linley Chiwona Karlun & Sara Westerdahl <hr/> Hebbe, Ultuna library
					Lunch

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Week 45 International development – Getting to know the basics

Hour	Mon 04/11	Tue 05/11	Wed 06/11	Thu 07/11	Fri 08/11
08.00-12.00	09.00-12.00 Introduction and co-creation to the course Skara (A304), above the Ulls hus reception	<i>Literature and reading</i>	10.00-12.00 Lecture Sustainable development (goals) and climate change Loftet banquet hall, Loftet (Ladugården)	10.00-12.00 Lecture Perspectives on Globalisation 1: World System Krusenberg (D326)	<i>Literature and reading</i>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.00 – 17.00	13.00-15.00 Presentations and co-creations of assignments in the course -Readings -Seminars -Group work -Individual reflections -Group presentation Skara (A304)	13.00-15.00 Lecture Understanding Development: theory and practice Skara (A304)	<i>Literature and reading</i>	13.00-15.00 Lecture Perspectives on Globalization 2: The example of postcolonial cocoa and coffee Hebbe, Ultuna library	<i>Literature and reading</i>

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Week 46 Food Security and Livelihoods

Hour	Mon 11/11	Tue 12/11	Wed 13/11	Thu 14/11	Fri 15/11
08.00-12.00	10.00-12.00 Lecture Understanding food and nutritional security Hebbe, Ultuna library	10.00-12.00 Lecture How gender matters in agriculture Lecture hall OI, The Teaching Building	10.00-12.00 Lecture Water security, food security and women's empowerment ZOOM	10.00-12.00 Lecture Livelihoods: theoretical frameworks, actual practices Lecture hall P, Ulls hus building B	<i>Literature and reading</i>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.00-17.00	13.00-15.00 Student led Seminar I Prima, Ultuna library	13.00-15.00 Lecture The global political ecology of land use <i>(Note that this lecture belongs to next week: Natural Resource Management)</i>	<i>Literature and reading</i>	<i>Literature and reading</i>	<i>Literature and reading</i>

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Week 47 Natural Resource Management

Hour	Mon 18/11	Tue 19/11	Wed 20/11	Thu 21/11	Fri 22/11
08.00-12.00	<i>Seminar preparation</i>	10.00-12.00 Lecture Agriculture for Development Lecture hall A132, Ulls hus building A	10.00-12.00 Lecture Community forestry in Nepal: history, achievements, and challenges Prima, Ultuna library	10.00-12.00 Lecture Fishing policy, seafood supply chains & labour right Alnarp (A305)	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.00-17.00	13.00-15.00 Student led Seminar 2 Prima, Ultuna library	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>	13.00-15.00 Lecture Emerging water frontiers: the commons, land grabs and hydro politics Prima, Ultuna library	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>

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Week 48 Institutions – Do they matter?

Hour	Mon 25/11	Tue 26/11	Wed 27/11	Thu 28/11	Fri 29/11
08.00 – 12.00	<i>Seminar preparation</i>	10.00-12.00 Lecture Do institutions matter? ZOOM	10.00-12.00 Lecture Title ZOOM	10.00-12.00 Lecture The world bank, the IMF and the global south ZOOM	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.00-17.00	13.00-15.00 Student led Seminar 3 Hebbe, Ultuna library	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>

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Week 49 Urbanisation, Poverty and Health

Hour	Mon 02/12	Tue 03/12	Wed 04/12	Thu 05/12	Fri 06/12
08.00-12.00	<i>Seminar preparation</i>	10.00-12.00 Lecture Urban smallholder livestock production systems & One health Hebbe, Ultuna library	10.00-12.00 Lecture Global health & communicable and non-communicable diseases Hebbe, Ultuna library	10.00-12.00 Lecture Stunted growth, climate change and poverty Hebbe, Ultuna library	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.00 – 17.00	13.00–15.00 Student led Seminar 4 Prima, Ultuna library	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>

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Week 50 Globalisation and Rural change

Hour	Mon 09/12	Tue 10/12	Wed 11/12	Thu 12/12	Fri 13/12
08.00-12.00	<i>Seminar preparation</i>	10.00-12.00 Lecture Title Hebbe, Ultuna library	10.00-12.00 Lecture Debating AID – who benefits? Prima, Ultuna library	10.00-12.00 Lecture Energy and natural resource economics Prima, Ultuna library	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.00 – 17.00	13.00-15.00 Student led Seminar 5 Prima, Ultuna library	13.00-15.00 Lecture The politics of resource extraction: farmlands and mining grounds at new resource frontiers Hebbe, Ultuna library	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>	13.00-15.00 Lecture Title Room	<i>Literature and reading / Group Work</i>

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Week 5 | Recap, group work and self-study

Hour	Mon 16/12	Tue 17/12	Wed 18/12	Thu 19/12	Fri 20/12
08.00-12.00	<i>Seminar preparation</i>	<i>Group Work</i>	<i>Group Work</i>	<i>Group Work</i>	<i>Self-study</i>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.00-17.00	13.00-16.00 Seminar 6 Recap and revision with teachers ROOM	<i>Group Work</i>	<i>Group Work</i>	<i>Group Work</i>	<i>Self-study</i>

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Week 52 Group work and self-study

Hour	Mon 23/12	Tue 24/12	Wed 25/12	Thu 26/12	Fri 27/12
08.00-12.00					
12.00 – 13.00					
13.00-17.00					

Week I Group work and self-study

Hour	Mon 30/12	Tue 31/12	Wed 01/01	Thu 02/01	Fri 03/01
08.00-12.00					
12.00 – 13.00					
13.00-17.00					

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Week 2 Group work and self-study

Hour	Mon 06/01	Tue 07/01	Wed 08/01	Thu 09/01	Fri 10/01
08.00-12.00		<i>Group Work / Self-study</i>	<i>Group Work / Self-study</i>	<i>Group Work / Self-study</i>	<i>Group Work / Self-study</i>
12.00 – 13.00					
13.00-17.00		<i>Group Work / Self-study</i>	<i>Group Work / Self-study</i>	<i>Group Work / Self-study</i>	<i>Group Work / Self-study</i> 17.00 Assignment deadline for group report

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Week 3 Group presentations and course evaluation

Hour	Mon 13/01	Tue 14/01	Wed 15/01	Thu 16/01	Fri 17/01
08.00 – 12.00	<i>Preparation</i>	10.00-12.00 Presentations Lecture hall A132, Ulls hus building A	10.00-12.00 Presentations Lecture hall A132, Ulls hus building A	<i>From home: Course evaluation</i> <i>Self-study</i>	<i>Self-study</i>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.00 – 17.00	<i>Preparation</i>	13.00-15.00 Presentations Lecture hall A132, Ulls hus building A	End of course get together	<i>Self-study</i>	<i>Self-study</i> 17.00 Assignment deadline for the individual reflections