

W&M in Washington

Fall 2014

International Development – Poverty, Policy, and Change *Taught by Professor Arnab Basu*

This semester we will examine the role international development policy and practice plays in the effort to eliminate global poverty. Using the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals as a backdrop, we will investigate how close governments and international organizations are in achieving the benchmarks related to the reduction of global poverty and hunger; improving universal education, gender equality, child and maternal health; the elimination of HIV/AIDS; as well as enhancing environmental sustainability and public-private partnerships. We will also explore how emerging economies are grappling with a variety of issues as diverse as corruption, child labor, climate refugees and missing women. Finally, we will focus on specific economic institutions in emerging economies that cause *market failures* and magnify some of the issues highlighted above.

Washington Program Internship

- *6 credits: INTR 499*

Students will work at a wide variety of institutions that deal with international development and global poverty issues. Examples include: **World Bank, IMF, USAID, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, House Foreign Affairs Committee, Department of State, Millennium Challenge Corporation, US International Trade Commission, United Nations Foundation, Pan American Health Organization, Amnesty International, CARE, Ashoka** and many more.

Contemporary Issues in Emerging Economies

- *4 credits: Econ 400 (Possible cross-listing with INTRL, GBST, AFST, South Asian Studies and Public Policy)*

This is a seminar course that explores current problems affecting emerging and developing countries. We will study 11 issues based on one of the following criteria: (i) they are related to the Millennium Development Goals -- some directly (e.g. malnutrition) and some indirectly (e.g. climate refugees); (ii) there is considerable debate regarding the benefits (e.g. genetically modified crops, international aid), the causes of the problem are diverse (e.g. civil conflict, communicable diseases), or the impact on economic development is questionable (e.g. fair trade movement and missing women); and (iii) the issues are macro-economic in nature (affecting an multiple countries or continents) and can generally be viewed as "global problems."

Attaining the Millennium Development Goals

- *4 credits: Econ 490 (Possible cross-listing with INRL 480, AFST 480, GBST 480)*

This seminar will offer an analysis of how the Millennium Development Goals set out by the United Nations are being met by various International (World Bank, IMF, World Health Organization) and US development Agencies (USAID, Millennium Challenge Corporation). The course will revolve around a series of lectures by guest speakers (academics, officials, analysts, scholars, diplomats, and staff of international organizations) drawn from the D.C. area, together with readings, films, and visits to various international and US organizations.