



Society and Landscape Research School
Department of Urban and Rural Development
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We hereby welcome you to the course:

Rural Development in the Global South

7,5 CREDITS ▪ 12 APRIL–04 JUNE 2021

This course gives a basic introduction to the subject rural development with a focus on the Global South.

It covers the basics about the origins and evolution of development as a concept as well as its critiques, while also touching upon a variety of thematic areas central to contemporary debates in the field.

The course is divided into three themes:

- 1) Rural development, post-colonialism, and beyond;
- 2) Rural transformations;
- 3) Politics of natural resources and the environment.

Theory and discussion is oriented toward critical approaches within development studies that seek to foster debate about the idea of ‘development’ and its many manifestations, dimensions of power and politics



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within development processes, and potential opportunities for cultivating more just, secure, and sustainable futures.

COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEK 1 Mon 12 April: Introduction by the course leadership, goals of the course, introducing setup and literature list, introductions by participants. Reading up.

WEEK 2 19–23 April: Theme 1 lectures & seminars.

WEEK 3 26–30 April: No scheduled activities.

WEEK 4 3–7 May: Theme 2 lectures & seminars.

WEEK 5 10–15 May: No scheduled activities.

WEEK 6 17–21 May: Theme 3 lectures & seminars.

WEEK 7 24–28 May: Writing essay, handing in 28 May.

WEEK 8 31 May–4 June: Receiving comments on essay by assigned examiner, course final wrap-up, presentations and evaluation on Friday 4 June.

COURSE RESPONSIBLES

[Harry Fischer](#), Assoc. Senior Lecturer, Division of Rural Development, Dept. of Urban and Rural Development

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YOU SIGN UP FOR THE COURSE

At the latest on the 15th of March to harry.fischer@slu.se

The course will be held on-line in 2021.