

MSc Development Studies: Preliminary Readings 2022-23

Students who will be taking the MSc in Development Studies may want to get a head start on reading. Here we include some recommended readings and other materials that are accessible via the internet, as well as three books that you may want to purchase and read beforehand.

Three books to read before you take the course:

Chang, Ha-joon (2014) *Economics: The User's Guide: A Pelican Introduction* (Penguin).

For students who have not studied economics before, this highly accessible book will provide you with most of the foundation you need to engage with the economic ideas you will discover on the course. For students who *have* studied economics, it will provide you with a perspective on the discipline that you may not have encountered before.

Kohli, A. (2004) *State-Directed Development: Political Power and Industrialization in the Global Periphery* (Cambridge University Press).

The cases this book considers will be referred to throughout the course.

Finally, *A Radical History of Development Studies* edited by Uma Kothari (2005, 2019) is well worth reading. The first two chapters are available here:

https://www.google.co.uk/books/edition/A_Radical_History_of_Development_Studies/yU2zDwAAQBAJ?hl=en&qbpv=1&dq=a+radical+history+of+development+studies&printsec=frontcover

Excerpts from three key books on the DV400 core course:

Sen, A. (1999) *Development as Freedom*, Introduction and Chapter 1. A classic contribution that explores the philosophical foundations of a liberal approach to development.

Ferguson, J. (1994) *The Anti-Politics Machine*, excerpt published in *The Ecologist* 24.5 September-October. An influential critical anthropological account of development practice inspired by the ideas of Michel Foucault.

Chang, Ha-joon (2003) *Kicking Away the Ladder: The Real History of Free Trade*, FPIF Special Report (December). This is from a landmark book that puts the challenges of twenty-first century development into historical perspective.

Short readings and podcasts:

Leach, Melissa et al., (2021) '[Post-pandemic transformations: How and why COVID-19 requires us to rethink development](#)' *World Development* 138.

Mann, Laura (2020) '[An interview with Professor Thandika Mkandawire on African knowledge systems](#)', April.

Roy, Arundhati (2021) '[We are witnessing a crime against humanity': Arundhati Roy on India's Covid catastrophe](#)' *The Guardian*, April.

Baguios, A. et al. (2020) '[How to be Anti-racist in Aid](#)'. A discussion from the Aid Re-Imagined initiative, moderated by ID alumnus Arbie Baguios, with Stephanie Kimou (PopWorks, Africa), Marie-Rose Romain Murphy (Haiti Community Foundation and ESPWA, Inc and Naomi Tulay-Solanke (Community Healthcare Initiative).