

MSc International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies

Preliminary Reading List

No books are required for purchase although the following are useful and all are downloadable or available from the LSE library.

DV 428 – Managing Humanitarianism- IDHE Core Course

Open Access:

Stuart Gordon and Antonio Donini ‘Romancing Principles and Human Rights - Are Humanitarian Principles Salvageable?’ *International Review of the Red Cross* / Volume 97 / Issue 897-898 / June 2015, pp 77-109. Downloadable at https://www.icrc.org/en/download/file/19003/irc_97_1-2-5.pdf

DV 420 Complex Emergencies

Possibly for purchase if you choose the DV 420 option.

David Keen, (2008) *Complex emergencies*. Polity Press, Cambridge, UK.

David Keen, *Useful Enemies: When Waging Wars is More Important than Winning Them* (Yale University Press, 2012)

Online https://librarysearch.lse.ac.uk/permalink/f/29c749/44LSE_ALMA_DS21136465100002021

DV442: Key Issues in Development Studies

Students who will be taking DV442 as part of the core of their MSc degrees may want to get a head start on reading. Here we include some readings that are available to the public through the internet, as well as one book you may want to purchase and read before starting the course.

Open Access readings

Sen, Amartya ‘A better society can emerge from the lockdowns: History shows some crises lead to improved equality and access to food and healthcare’. A short comment on the current pandemic published in *The Financial Times* (15 April 2020).

<https://www.ft.com/content/5b41ffc2-7e5e-11ea-b0fb-13524ae1056b>

Amartya Sen, *Development as Freedom*, Introduction and Chapter 1 can be found on-line:

<https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/matnat/ifi/INF9200/v10/readings/papers/Sen.pdf>

A classic contribution to development studies that that explores the philosophical foundations of a full-blown liberal approach to development based on a defence of individual rights and free markets].online

https://librarysearch.lse.ac.uk/permalink/f/1dnoejr/44LSE_ALMA_DS51186569140002021

James Ferguson Excerpt from “The Anti-Politics Machine” published in *The Ecologist* 24.5 (September-October 1994).

https://climateandhealthresearch.files.wordpress.com/2015/04/fergusonlohmann_ecologist-antipoliticsmachine.pdf

A classic anthropological criticism of development practice inspired by the ideas of Michel Foucault

Ha-Joon Chang, Excerpt from: *Kicking Away the Ladder: The Real History of Free Trade*”, FPIF Special Report (December 2003)

http://www.personal.ceu.hu/corliss/CDST_Course_Site/Readings_old_2012_files/Ha-Joon%20Chang%20-%20Kicking%20Away%20the%20Ladder-The%20%E2%80%9CReal%E2%80%9D%20History%20of%20Free%20Trade.pdf

Puts the challenges of 21st Century development into historical perspective. Some of you may want to purchase the full book, which we expect you to read for the course.

Ebook https://librarysearch.lse.ac.uk/permalink/f/1dnoejr/44LSE_ALMA_DS21194439860002021

A book 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, 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, the book will provide you with a perspective on the discipline that you likely have not encountered before.