

MSc Development Studies
Preliminary readings
2021-22

Students who will be taking the MSc in Development Studies 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 two books you may want to purchase and read before starting the programme.

Short readings and podcasts on the current crises

Arundhati Roy, '[We are witnessing a crime against humanity': Arundhati Roy on India's Covid catastrophe](#)' *The Guardian* 28 April 2021.

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

Students are encouraged to watch this podcast relating the Black Lives Matter movement to international development:

"How to be Anti-racist in Aid", 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) <https://medium.com/aidreimagined/video-how-to-be-anti-racist-in-aid-a6eaebc54d3e>

On-line access to excerpts from books on the core course

Amartya Sen, *Development as Freedom*, Introduction and Chapter 1: <https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/matnat/ifi/INF9200/v10/readings/papers/Sen.pdf>
A classic contribution that explores the philosophical foundations of a liberal approach to development].

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%20History%20of%20Free%20Trade.pdf](#)
[Puts the challenges of 21st Century development into historical perspective.]

Two 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, 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].

Kohli, A. (2004) *State-Directed Development: Political Power and Industrialisation in the Global Periphery*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. cc HD3616.D452 K71
networked e-book available via Library catalogue [The cases this book considers will be referred to throughout the course]