Visiting Professor Program
Academic year 2020/2021

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURES, POLITICS AND SOCIETY

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 20 hours

COURSE TITLE
International Cooperation for Development: Practices and Project Design

TEACHING PERIOD
2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA
Politic and economic geography; geography of development; international development

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH
English

The Degree Course is entirely taught in English

COURSE SUMMARY
This course contributes to the realization of the study curriculum by introducing to histories, theories and practices of development and international cooperation, and preparing for possible research actions.

The visiting’s course is a module part of a wider course (12 cfu) whose general program is available at this link https://www.didattica-cps.unito.it/do/corsi.pl/Show?_id=hvcm

The visiting should afford these topics:

Fundamentals: ontologies of development and contemporary framework of international assistance. Critical definitions of development-modernity, cooperation-coloniality; Ontology, epistemology, paradigms for research; Action research and decoloniality; Journals and publishers in geography and development studies; Overview of development theories from the postwar to nowadays: positivist orthodoxy; Overview 2: Globalization, SDGs and monitoring issues; Overview
3: Dependency and world system theories; Overview 4: Postcoloniality and postdevelopment; Overview 5: Alternatives to development.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

a) understand the international debates on development and international cooperation, particularly, but not only, in the Global South (critical theoretical knowledge skills);  
b) develop critical thinking on theories, policies and practices that are reflected in cooperation programs, recognizing political ontologies and epistemic diversities brought by different subjectivities (critical theoretical knowledge skills);  
c) acquire familiarity with scientific journals and published researches in this field (critical knowledge skills).

**TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES (IF APPLICABLE)**

**LAB ACTIVITIES (IF APPLICABLE)**

**OTHER ACTIVITIES (IF APPLICABLE)**

The visiting professor will be required to hold a research seminar for the Department and a dissemination conference open to students and citizens.

**VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE DESCRIPTION**

The visiting professor needs to hold:

- in-depth experience in the field of development and post-development studies and in the field of international cooperation for development (documented by publications, the coordination of research projects and activities);  
- in-depth experience in analyzing development cooperation projects involving community based organizations, indigenous people;  
- in-depth experience in teaching development and post-development studies in University courses.

The above research experience in the field of development studies and international cooperation for development must be substantiated by relevant publications in international journals.

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