

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Community development is commonly conceptualized as a process in which local people and organizations play a leading role in initiating local change. Over the last decades, it has emerged as a major alternative to top-down development planning and become part of the practices of major international and domestic development agencies as well as many community-based organizations.

The objective of the course is to critically examine theory, methods and case studies associated with community development, as well as more recent critiques of and debates regarding participatory approaches. The course will be conducted in the form of a weekly seminar. Students will be expected to complete a set of readings each week and be fully prepared to actively participate in weekly discussion. They will also work in small groups to lead a seminar and in larger teams to develop a funding proposal for a community development project.