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Governance

Modular value: 20 credits

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The aims of this module are to examine concepts and practices in governance and to review the debates and developments which governance has engendered in academic and development policy circles.

The objectives are to provide students with:

- grounding in the principles of governance/good governance
- understanding of practices and problems in governance in developing and transition countries; and
- critical and analytical skills which they can apply to real cases.

Contents include principles of governance/good governance; the role of the state, civil society and the private sector in governance; democracy and democratisation; human rights and access to justice; corruption and accountability; institutions of global governance.

After following the module, completing appropriate reading, and undertaking assignments, participants should be able to:

- Have in-depth understanding of the principles and dimensions of governance/good governance and discuss the challenges of putting them into practice.
- Understand and apply key concepts of democracy, human rights, and access to justice, accountability and how they work in practice in different contexts.
- Critically analyse the roles and dynamics of relationships between state and non-state actors in the governance process in different contexts.
- Develop critical and analytical skills for application in a variety of contexts.
- Assimilate and synthesise information from a variety of sources and organise them in a coherent manner into answers, reports/essays.

Teaching and learning approach

This module will be delivered through a series of sessions involving a mixture of lecture, plenary discussion and some tasks done in groups. Students will be expected to prepare for these sessions through reading, particularly of assigned cases

Assessment

The assessment for the module will consist of:

- Two written assignments each 3,000 words and both worth 50%

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- **Development Management (with specialist pathways) (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/development-management.aspx)**
- **International Development (with specialist pathways) (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/international-development.aspx)**
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