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Asia-Pacific Development

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3

Prerequisites

(39cp at 100 level or above including 3cp in GEOP or ANTH units at 300 level) or admission to GDipArts

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

The Asia–Pacific is a highly differentiated and dynamic region undergoing rapid social, spatial and political transformation. Communities and governments within the Asia–Pacific region are continually dealing with dilemmas associated with development, economic, political and environmental change and contestation by various stakeholders over resources at various scales (international, national and local level). Aid organisations, national bodies and foreign affairs departments in the Asia–Pacific region require graduates with the appropriate knowledge and skills to work in these areas. This unit explores the processes and consequences of development in the Asia–Pacific region and aims to give students a perspective on working professionally within an international context by gaining communication, research, critical thinking, negotiation and decision-making skills, and an appreciation of cultural differences and approaches.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are

available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

An advanced understanding of development theory, context, practice and methods.

An ability to critically reflect upon and relate development theory to empirical examples from the Asia Pacific region.

A demonstrated understanding of contemporary development issues and development practice in the Asia Pacific region.

An ability to research development issues and identify, assess and synthesise complex information.

An ability to communicate clearly about development issues in both oral and written formats.

General Assessment Information

Assignment Submission

All students must keep an electronic copy of all assignments (preferably as a PDF) submitted for assessment.

All assignments must be submitted via **Turnitin**. You will be able to access the result of the Turnitin scan and be able to review your assignments in light of this result. Not everything that Turnitin picks up as comparable to other work is plagiarised. Use this process constructively to ensure you are referencing correctly and effectively. Instructions for submitting assignment to Turnitin can be found at: http://mq.edu.au/iLearn/student_info/assignments.htm

Late Penalties and Grading

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved,

(a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and

(b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Each assignment will be marked and commented upon before it is returned to you. Feedback will include a grade range (no numerical mark), extensive in-text comments, overall comments and a detailed rubric. The mark will be in the form of a graded letter and as consistent with University policy.

Further Guidance on Assessments

Rubrics and marking criteria for all assessments, as well as some samples of assessments, will be available on *iLearn*.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Critical Reflection Paper	20%	No	20/08/2019 (midnight)
Issues Brief	30%	No	15/10/2019 (midnight)
Class participation	10%	No	Weeks 1-13
Exam	40%	No	TBA

Critical Reflection Paper

Due: **20/08/2019 (midnight)**

Weighting: **20%**

Assessment task: The aim of this 1500 word paper is to critically engage with and reflect upon the position of major aid actors in development by linking theory to development practice. This assessment requires you to undertake research about ONE donor development agency. The paper should critically reflect upon the development ethos of the organisation and its programs, and include a specific case study example of the organisation's activities in the Asia Pacific region to illustrate your argument.

Detailed Explanation: Weeks 2 - 3 of GEOP330 will provide an overview of various theoretical frameworks that have influenced development theory and practice over time. This assignment provides an opportunity to apply this theory to the analysis of the development ethos of ONE donor agency (see examples below). You are encouraged to include in your paper a specific case study example (e.g., project, program) from the organisation to illustrate your argument, and to draw upon examples from the Asia-Pacific region.

In order to complete the assignment you should first select from the list of possible agencies given below, then research the organisation as deeply as possible, drawing on information available publicly through the organisation's web site, **as well as scholarly articles**, media coverage etc. The critical reflection paper should:

1. Analyse and explain the organisation's approach to development through discussion of particular theories of development referred to in the unit.
2. Consider how the organisation's public profile reflects their approach to development.
3. Discuss how the organisation's programs reflect their particular development approach (such as the kinds of programs they fund, the way the funding is distributed, the requirements they place on partner agencies, etc.).
4. Discuss how the organisation's development ethos shapes the ways in which they represent and portray the people and regions that they work with.

Some examples of donor agencies to choose from:

- Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - Australian Aid (formerly AusAID)
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- Oxfam Australia
- ActionAid Australia
- World Vision
- International Women's Development Agency (IWDA)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Government of China
- Fairtrade Australia New Zealand

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Issues Brief

Due: **15/10/2019 (midnight)**

Weighting: **30%**

Assessment task: The aim of this 2000-word paper is to research and critically assess a nominated Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) as a development challenge – and opportunity – in the context of one country in the Asia Pacific. The Issues Brief should be based on a review of literature covered in the unit plus independent research on the SDG challenge in the context of ONE country in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Australia, Japan and New Zealand).

The Issues Brief should clearly identify, assess and synthesise information about the SDG as it relates to a chosen country in the regional context of the Asia-Pacific. The task requires you to appraise and communicate complex issues in a critical, analytical and succinct manner.

Detailed Explanation: The aim of this assessment is to allow you to investigate a particular development challenge and opportunity confronting the Asia Pacific region in more depth in the context of ONE country within the rubric of the seventeen stated UN SDGs. A key purpose in locating the development issue within the SDGs is to consider development targets and projections, regional and global connections, and to explore the uneven and contested nature of development across scales.

The Issues Brief should address these interrelated questions: What are the challenges and opportunities associated with your nominated SDG in the context of your chosen country? How is the uneven nature of development reflected in the ways different social groups and/or parts of the country are affected by this issue? Has your chosen country's government taken steps to integrate the SDG into national development plans and policies and what progress has been made in meeting targets? What particular practical challenges, obstacles and opportunities does this country face in the pursuit of this goal *within a regional context*?

The audience of the paper is development actors (such as NGOs, aid agencies, government departments, development banks, community groups or activist networks) concerned with the chosen development challenge in a particular country. Your paper should thus identify what are the key issues of concern as well as opportunities, discuss the uneven impacts associated with the SDG, and draw connections with the theory and practice of development.

Such a paper could serve the purpose of briefing a program director or team leader on the issue as part of program planning, development of an advocacy program, as part of preparation for an upcoming country visit or meeting. The paper should not focus on a case study covered in detail in the lectures.

Refer to the paper by Liverman, Diana M. (2018) Geographic perspectives on development goals: Constructive engagements and critical perspectives on the MDGs and the SDGs, *Dialogues in Human Geography*, 8(2): 168-185 and other papers in this special issue.

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Class participation

Due: **Weeks 1-13**

Weighting: **10%**

Both internal and external students will be given a mark for active participation throughout the course. Both are expected to participate in the first online tutorial in Week One. This will consist of a short forum introduction.

Internal students: For internally enrolled students it is expected that you attend all tutorials.

In the first in-situ tutorial in Week 2, internal students will be asked to nominate to lead tutorial

discussion on two occasions of their choosing, from Weeks 3 to 13. While presenters each week will lead the discussion with a 5-minute talk on one of the essential readings, all students are expected to actively engage and participate. Students must come to class prepared every week ready to discuss the essential readings, as you may be called upon to present any one of them to the class in any given week. Numbers permitting, each student will give a 5-minute talk twice over the semester, as well as participate in online forums.

Presenters will be expected to jointly lead class discussion on the tutorial topic, based on the issues and questions that have been raised across each of the student 5 min talks. The 5-minute talk by internal students or online posting by external students should:

- identify the main point(s) of the reading
- critically reflect upon issues/debates raised in the reading and relate to wider development issues
- pose at least one question to prompt further discussion and debate
- link the topic to a current issue in the media

For external students, it is expected that they will make at least four brief postings (150–300 words) on the unit's iLearn website in response to the questions posted by the tutor and based on the readings, as well as respond to others' comments each week.

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Exam

Due: **TBA**

Weighting: **40%**

Two hour exam (plus ten minutes reading time)

You are expected to present yourself for examination at the time and place designated in the University Examination Timetable. The timetable will be available in Draft form approximately eight weeks before the commencement of the examinations and in Final form approximately four weeks before the commencement of the examinations. http://students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/exams/

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Delivery and Resources

Lectures:

Internal Students: There will be one two-hour lecture session every week on Wednesdays **9.00am–11.00am** in 25aWW 208 (25a Wallys Walk - 208 Tutorial Room). *External Students:* Lectures will be recorded using Echo-360 and can be accessed through iLearn.

Tutorials:

Internal students: One hour tutorials will be held every week on **Wednesdays 11:00–12:00pm** (25aWW 221) and **12:00pm-1:00pm** (23WW 202). Internal students are required to register for one of these two time-slots by the beginning of semester.

iLearn:

It is very important that all students are familiar with the iLearn site for GEOP330 and check it on a regular basis. Please see the unit convenor immediately if you foresee any problems.

Required and recommended resources:

There is no required text for GEOP330; however, the required weekly tutorial readings are available on Leganto via the Library's homepage (http://www.mq.edu.au/on_campus/library/) or via the link off the unit's iLearn site. There are several books that will be useful as general reference and background reading.

The following text is recommended reading for gaining an overview of contemporary development issues in Southeast Asia:

- McGregor, A., Law, L., and Miller, F. (editors) (2018) *Routledge Handbook of Southeast Asian Development*, Routledge, Oxon. *Full-text available online via MQL.*

The list below provides recommended general resources for the course. Macquarie University Library (MQL) call numbers are indicated in italics.

- Adams, W (2001) *Green Development: environment and sustainability in the Third World* 2nd ed. *HC59.7.A714 2001*
- Connell, J. and Waddell, E. Eds. (2007) *Environment, development and change in rural Asia-Pacific: between local and global*, London, Routledge. *HC460.5.Z9 E544 2007*
- Connors, M, Davison, R. and Dosch, J. (2004) *The new global politics of the Asia-*

Pacific, New York and London, Routledge. *DS35.2.C68 2004*

- Crump, T. (2007) *Asia-Pacific*, Hambledon Continuum, London and New York *DS35.C78 2007*
- Rahnema, M. and Bawtree, V. (2003) *The post-development reader*, London, Zed Books. *GN448.2.P67/1997*
- Sachs, W. (2010) *The development dictionary: a guide to knowledge as power* London & New Jersey, Zed Books. *HC60.D398/1992 2nd ed 2010 available online via MQL*
- Simon, D. (2006) *Fifty key thinkers on development*, London & New York, Routledge. *HD87.55.F53 2006*
- Willis, K. (2011) *Theories and Practices of Development*, London & New York, Routledge. *Full-text available online via MQL*

Unit Schedule

Wk	Date	Lectures	Lecturer	Tutorials
Module I – Introduction				
1	31/7	Introduction: Development issues in the Asia-Pacific	FM	No tutorial - Reading time and online introduction
Module II - Development Theory				
2	7/8	Framing the development paradigm Part 1: 'Classic' development Part 2: Alternative development	FM	Framing the Development Paradigm: Economic growth, modernisation and alternatives
3	14/8	New directions in development theory Part 3 Postdevelopment Part 4: Political ecology	FM	New directions in development theory: Post-structuralism and power
Module III - Case Studies of Theory and Practice in Context				
4	20/8	*Assessment 1 – Critical Reflection Paper Due		
4	21/8	Infrastructure	FM	Infrastructure
5	28/8	Disasters	FM	Disasters
6	4/9	Climate change adaptation	FM	Climate change adaptation
7	11/9	Water	AE	Water

Break (17 Sept – 1 Oct)				
8	2/ 10	Food	AE	Food
9	9/ 10	Community Economies	AE	Community Economies
10	15/ 10	*Assessment 2 –Issues Brief Due		
10	16/ 10	Migration	AE	Migration
11	23/ 10	Cities	AE	Cities
12	30/ 10	China and India's rising regional influence	AE	China and India's rising regional influence
Module IV - Overview and Revision				
13	6/ 11	Unit Overview and Revision	FM	Hopeful geographies of development and unit overview

Learning and Teaching Activities

Lectures

A series of weekly 2 hour lectures covering development theory and case studies of development theory and practice in context.

Tutorials

A series of weekly 1 hour tutorials focused on readings covering development theory and case studies of theory and practice in context as well as a series of interactive learning activities.

Online discussion

Through a series of weekly discussion questions online discussion mirroring the tutorial program will be available for all students, especially external students.

Assessment tasks

Four main assessment tasks

Personal reading

Personal reading of journal articles, books, online material and other documents.

Research

In-depth research on a particular case study and country.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- A demonstrated understanding of contemporary development issues and development practice in the Asia Pacific region.
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Assessment tasks

- Critical Reflection Paper
- Issues Brief
- Class participation

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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Assessment tasks

- Class participation
- Exam

Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Assessment tasks

- Issues Brief
- Class participation

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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- A demonstrated understanding of contemporary development issues and development practice in the Asia Pacific region.
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Assessment tasks

- Critical Reflection Paper
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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- A demonstrated understanding of contemporary development issues and development practice in the Asia Pacific region.
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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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formats.

Assessment tasks

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- Issues Brief
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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

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Changes from Previous Offering

Compared with previous years, a number of changes were made to the unit in 2018. New topics and readings have been added reflecting the latest research and contributions of the lecturers.