

DEPARTMENT:	SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & GLOBAL STUDIES
FULL TERM	FALL 2020 SEPTEMBER 9 to DECEMBER 9
PROFESSOR:	NIPA BANERJEE
RESEARCH TITLE:	EFFECTIVENESS OF FOREIGN AID IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (Directed Research in Social Sciences course FSS4150)
NUMBER OF STUDENTS:	1-6
LANGUAGE:	ENGLISH
ASSIGNMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED IN FRENCH	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

RESEARCH DESCRIPTION:

The course:

- introduces students to the fundamental concepts, issues, and policy debates on the agenda of how to make aid more effective;
- generates critical thinking on the fundamental principles (ownership, alignment, harmonization, management for results and mutual accountability) and a monitorable set of indicators;
- contributes to knowledge and capacity building on the evaluation of aid effectiveness in developing countries.

KEY LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

1. Presentations orally, supported by slides, interspersed with short interactions with students (Virtual, In-Class or a combination, as the context permits)
2. Reading-assignments (with access to text from journals, blogs, etc.), accompanied by questions for students to respond to.
3. Review of Literature.
4. Develop Research Project Outline and Proposal (following guidelines provided by the professor).
5. Write a Research Paper evaluating aid effectiveness in a selected developing country - (following guidelines provided by the professor).

A total of 36 hours will be allocated for teaching and learning activities, with 3 hours one day a week for 12 weeks. The class hours will comprise (a) virtual and some in-class teaching (by the professor) and (b) learning for students, i.e., reading, research work, and writing.