

POL40017 Social Policy and Development

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	4 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2012, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: April, Parkville - Taught on campus. September, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: This subject will be taught intensively from 9:00am - 5:00pm on April: 20, 21, 22 and 29 October – 2 November Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Politics and International Studies or Sociology or Development Studies at Undergraduate level.
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	This subject investigates the linkage between social policy and development (including economic development) within developing countries. It focuses on the roles played by states, markets and communities in the Asia-Pacific region in responding to key social policy issues such as poverty and welfare, unemployment, old age, health, disability, and the socio-economic position of women. The subject examines how different developing countries attempt to instigate social policy-related change via rational policy formation and implementation, public sector and community leadership, economic-driven change (such as micro-finance schemes), and working with international investment from firms, aid donors and NGOs. Elements of the subject will be presented in conjunction with the Universitas Indonesia and Gadjah Mada Universitas.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # To improve students' understanding of the different ways in which social policy issues are described and addressed in developing countries in the Asia Pacific region # To develop students' comparative policy analysis and research skills # To initiate students' networks with social policy professional and community actors in the Asia Pacific region.
Assessment:	A 1500 word briefing paper (30%) due two weeks after the intensive teaching period, and a 2500 word research report (70%) due during the examination period. Hurdle Requirement: As this is an Intensively-taught subject, Lecture/Seminar attendance is compulsory on all 4 days. Students who fail to meet this hurdle requirement will be deemed ineligible to submit the final piece of assessment for this subject. Regular participation in class is required. Assessment that is submitted after the due date and up to 10 working days late without an approved extension will be marked on a pass/fail basis only. Assessment that is submitted later than 10 working days will not be accepted or marked. In-class tasks missed without approval will not be marked. All pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject.

Prescribed Texts:	A subject Reading pack will be available for purchase from the University Bookshop
Recommended Texts:	None
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # be able to apply research skills and critical methods to a field of inquiry # be able to develop persuasive arguments on a given topic # be able to communicate oral and written arguments and ideas effectively and articulately
Related Course(s):	Master of Development Studies (Gender & Development) Master of Development Studies(CWT) Master of International Relations Master of Public Policy and Management (Coursework) Master of Social Policy