

# SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIOLOGY

## Academic Year 2023

### Timetable & Module Offerings 2023

#### Semester 1

<b>SP404 Development &amp; Change</b> Tuesday 3.00 – 4.00pm O'Flaherty Theatre Wednesday 4.00 – 5.00pm O hEocha Theatre AMB1021	Su-Ming Khoo and Colleagues <a href="mailto:suming-khoo@universityofgalway.ie">suming-khoo@universityofgalway.ie</a>
<b>SP3195 Equality, Diversity &amp; Collective Action</b> Thursday 4.00 – 5.00 pm O'Flaherty Theatre Fri 3.00-4.00 pm IT250	Stacey Scriver; Danielle Kennan <a href="mailto:Stacey.scriver@universityofgalway.ie">Stacey.scriver@universityofgalway.ie</a>

### Course Descriptions

#### SP404 Development and Change

Lecturers: Su-Ming Khoo and Colleagues

This course is a critical introduction to **development studies**. It focuses on the meanings of 'development' and the debates surrounding the definition and measurement of 'progress' or 'good change'. We examine the different priorities attached to development efforts, critically challenging mainstream **economistic growth** perspectives with alternative or ethical **feminist, humanistic** and **ecological** approaches. In current times of multiple crises and challenges, this course suggests that ideas about global 'progress' matter a lot and urgently need to be debated.

The course opens by discussing four main approaches to 'progress' – economic growth, equality, human rights and capabilities. Economy-focused perspectives are different from ethical or values-based perspectives. The question of sustainability adds a fifth perspective that places limits on progress defined as economic growth, while the question of gender equality pushes us to question what is happening within aggregate populations or countries. The issues illustrate how 'development' involves problems of data and measurement, but also deeply philosophical and political questions of meaning and purpose. Persisting demands for growth are challenged by pressures of inequality, both within and between the societies of the Global South and Global North. We explore these contrasting perspectives on progress through the lenses of three major global issues for policy and public action: **agriculture and food, health** and **security**. An issue-based

approach enables us to open out debates with evidence and perspectives from Asia, Africa, Latin America, North America and Europe.

The course material invites you to question conventional assumptions about economic and societal progress or 'development'. It also introduces leading actors in global development – which include UN agencies and programmes, governments, notionally 'free' and globalized markets, and non-governmental and grassroots organization. These have different roles and niches in directing policy, organizing social protection and security and protecting and fulfilling rights.

Prerequisites: None

Min./max. no. of students: Restrictions apply.

Teaching and learning methods: weekly in-person lectures

Assessment: MCQ exam (30%) and final essay (2000 words, 70%).

Language of instruction: English

Core texts: Assigned readings

### **SP3195 Equality, Diversity & Collective Action**

Lecturers: Stacey Scriver; Danielle Kennan

In this module, students will have the opportunity to deepen knowledge on, and engage with, contemporary issues of diversity and equality advocacy. Students will explore the kinds of social movements and collective activism that have driven, shaped or challenged human rights internationally, taking a 'bottom-up' approach. Case studies will be used for in-depth exploration of tensions between equality and diversity and to examine the forms, functions and outcomes of collective action in relation to the cases considered. Students will be assessed through a combination of mid-term assignment and a final written exam.

Prerequisites: None

Min./max. no. of students: Restrictions apply.

Teaching and learning methods: weekly in-person lectures

Assessment: 30% Continuous assessment by mid-term assignment; 70% end of semester exam.

Language of instruction: English

Core texts: Assigned readings

## **General Information**

The **School of Political Science and Sociology** is on floor 2 of the **Áras Moyola** building.

For general queries, please contact **Stephanie Quinn**: [stephanie.quinn@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:stephanie.quinn@universityofgalway.ie)

The **(3/4BA) Coordinator** is **Jackie Murphy**. For any queries/issues please contact Jackie by email: [jacqueline.murphy@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:jacqueline.murphy@universityofgalway.ie)

## **General Guidance**

### **Essays & assignments: deadlines, extensions & deferrals**

If for good reason you cannot make a deadline for an assignment, you can seek an extension from your lecturer.

Submitting coursework late without an extension or a deferral, will be subject to penalty of 2 marks per overdue day (Monday – Friday & excluding weekends).

Exceptions include valid medical or personal reasons in which case you should contact your lecturer and notify the Final Year Coordinator [finalyearsocpol@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:finalyearsocpol@universityofgalway.ie) . new deadline will be arranged. *Golden Rule*: get your assignments in on time! It is best to deliver an imperfect essay by the due date as opposed to losing marks for late submission.

If you need to defer a module (in which case you will be examined for that module during the autumn exam – technically called the ‘2<sup>nd</sup> sitting’), you can find the relevant information here: <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/exams/timetable-advice/deferrals/>. Applications for deferral should be sent to Catherine McCurry in the College Office at this email address: [collegearts@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:collegearts@universityofgalway.ie)

If you fail a module then you will have the opportunity to be repeat that module during the autumn exam. Please note that repeat exams are capped at 40%.

## Academic Integrity and Cheating

**Citing your sources:** The School does not stipulate a particular style of referencing, and you will not be penalized for using the ‘wrong’ method. The main thing is to be consistent, i.e. please don’t mix referencing styles in your course-work. For ease of use we recommend the Harvard system, which is commonly used in the social sciences. A useful guide to using the Harvard method can be found here:

<https://library.universityofgalway.ie/media/jameshardimanlibrary/content/documents/support/Citing-Guide-Harvard-style-24062014.pdf>

**Plagiarism** is a serious offence and will be penalized if detected. Plagiarism is copying someone else’s work, whether from a published book, the internet, lecture notes, or another student, and then presenting it as one’s own. It also includes paraphrasing text very closely and asking or paying another student or private tutor to write an essay for you.

We require students to confirm that any written work submitted is their own work: see the Assignment Cover Sheet at the end of this Handbook. When submitting work via Turnitin on Blackboard, you can ‘sign’ the Cover Sheet by typing your name in the space provided.

Details of the University’s **Academic Integrity Policy** can be found here: [www.universityofgalway.ie/media/registrar/docs/QA220-Academic-Integrity-Policy-Final.pdf](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/media/registrar/docs/QA220-Academic-Integrity-Policy-Final.pdf)

## What to do if you experience difficulties

If you are experiencing difficulties that are having a negative impact on your studies, it is important that you let us know so that we can help or offer guidance on where you can seek assistance. *Any information relating your circumstances will be held in strictest confidence.* *The Golden Rule*: deal with these issues as they occur by contacting the Final Year Coordinator and/or the College office.

If you encounter difficulties with any aspect of a module or with the third Year programme in Soc & Pol, we are here to help, but you need to let us know. We welcome feedback from students and an important part of our job is to support you in your studies. Any issues you may have that have not been resolved with the lecturer/programme coordinator in the first instance can also be raised with our Deputy Head of School, Dr. Vesna Malesevic ([vesna.malesevic@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:vesna.malesevic@universityofgalway.ie)).

The School is committed to working with **Year Representatives who are affiliated to the Student Union**. If you are interested in being a Year Rep please email: ([finalyearsocpol@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:finalyearsocpol@universityofgalway.ie)).

As a constituent unit of the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies, the School is subject to the oversight by the Dean of Arts and issues relating to School decisions can also be raised with the Dean's office (contact details here: <http://www.universityofgalway.ie/colleges-and-schools/arts-social-sciences-and-celtic-studies/staff/>).

The Examinations Office has a procedure for dealing with queries relating to marks awarded for modules. For details on 'rechecks' and 'appeals' please use this link: <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/exams/results/>.

**Student Support Services:** Information on University Support Services can be found here: <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/student-life/student-support/>

*Essay Entry Form*

(Political Science and Sociology, Academic Year 2023)

Name:

ID number:

Telephone:

Email:

**Module Code** (e.g. SP586):

Title of the Module:

Essay title:

Number of pages:

Bibliography attached? Yes      No

I hereby certify that I understand what plagiarism is and that this essay is entirely my own work. Neither the paper in its entirety nor parts thereof have been published elsewhere in either paper or electronic form unless indicated through referencing, nor have I paid someone else to write it. I understand that this work may be entered on a database to enable detection of similarities and I give my consent to this.

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