

Institute of Development Studies
University of Sussex

Why Development Studies? Why in the UK?

- A multi-disciplinary and applied tradition spanning more than 40 years
- Integrates the social sciences (economics, politics, sociology, anthropology, etc.) to develop practical strategies for addressing world poverty
- Connects policy-making, development practice, academic scholarship and teaching
- Plurality of theoretical perspectives, and rich tradition of debate among them
- The UK has more than 120 development studies programmes at postgraduate level

The Institute of Development Studies is a leading global organisation for research, teaching and communications on international development.

Founded in 1966 as a multi-disciplinary institute

- Currently has 5 global thematic research programmes with 100 researchers
- 8 postgraduate programmes (MA and DPhil); 150+ students and active alumni network
- A hub of knowledge and information services with 70 communications specialists

IDS Vision

“Our **vision** is a world in which poverty does not exist, social justice prevails and the voices of all people are heard in national and international institutions. We believe that generating, mobilising and sharing knowledge, through research, teaching and communications, plays a key part in realising this vision.”

Our mission is to work with a global network of partners to:

- Develop dynamic ideas and analysis on the global issues that shape our world;
- Provide practical solutions that reduce poverty, promote social justice and ensure that all people's voices are heard;
- Use research, teaching and communications to influence key audiences.

Current areas of research

- **Globalisation:** focusing on the dynamics of the global environment in which the private sector investment and growth necessary for poverty reduction are situated.
- **Governance:** focusing on the politics of state engagement and public action in developing countries.
- **Knowledge, Technology and Society:** exploring how science and technology can improve the livelihoods and well-being of poor people, and promote greater social justice
- **Participation, Power and Social Change:** looking at how and where participation by citizens can make a difference to questions of social justice and development
- **Vulnerability and Poverty Reduction:** improving the understanding of vulnerability, and designing effective means of addressing it, as a central component of poverty reduction.

Considering postgraduate studies at IDS...

8 degree programmes from October 2007:

- **MA Development Studies***
- MA Governance and Development
- MA Gender and Development
- **MA Science Technology and Society***
- MA Participation, Power and Social Change
- **MA Vulnerability and Poverty Reduction***
- MPhil Development Studies (2 years)
- DPhil Development Studies (3-4 years)

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Research-led and learner-centred...

“The IDS teaching programme is known for its academic excellence, drawing on the knowledge and practice of researchers both within and beyond IDS. Learning is significantly enhanced by the experience that each student brings to the Institute.”

Why study at IDS?

- Diverse community
- Multi-disciplinary approaches
- Plurality of perspectives
- Many specialisations
- High student-faculty ratio
- Links to research / practice
- Strong learning community
- Supervision and support
- Values and commitment