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ANTH*4440: CULTURE, RIGHTS, & DEVELOPMENT        WINTER 2019

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DESCRIPTION:

This course examines the various relationships among cultural values, human rights issues and the development process. Themes addressed will include: 1) the relationship between different ‘generations’ of rights (i.e., civil/political rights, social/economic/cultural rights, and the right to development); and 2) the tensions associated with respecting local cultures, respecting human dignity universally, and development as a process of directed change. Topics covered may include: the social/cultural impact of Structural Adjustment Programs, trade and foreign investment; democracy and development conditionality; environmental justice; slavery and other forms of unfree labour; women’s rights as human rights; and the rights of ethnic minorities and indigenous peoples.

COURSE READINGS:

➢ CourseLink and ARES

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING:

➢ Participation: 20%
➢ Presentation: 25%
➢ Research Paper Proposal: 20%
➢ Research Paper: 35%

* Evaluation scheme is subject to change prior to the release of the official course syllabus in January 2019.