

Development Studies



The international Institute of Social Studies (ISS) is a postgraduate school of policy-oriented social science whose diverse activities include teaching, interdisciplinary research and advisory work in the field of development studies. Founded by the universities of the Netherlands in 1952, the Institute is one of the world's leading centres of higher education and research in this field. ISS is part of Erasmus University Rotterdam.

The ISS offers a four-year PhD Programme, a 15.5-month MA in Development Studies and tailor-made short courses. ISS teaches, and is involved in, research on the elements that influence development. The worldwide economic crisis, international conflicts, WTO negotiations and agreements on climate change are among the elements that have a clear impact on societies across the world.

Apart from focusing on social and economic processes, teaching and research activities at ISS look at the role of state and society, as well as at various civil society actors that influence development. In addition, work at ISS relates to strategies on urban and rural development, the gender sensitiveness of strategies, the inclusion of marginalized groups, the informal sector, population, poverty and food security, safety and rule of law, environmental protection and sustainable development, human rights, labour rights, and the position of children and youth in society.

PhD in Development Studies

ISS offers a four-year full-time programme leading to the internationally recognized PhD Degree of Erasmus University. Currently over 135 PhD researchers are enrolled in various stages of the programme. The interaction and debate with these researchers and with academic staff offer an excellent learning environment. Visit our website to find out more about the research areas ISS is focusing on.

Master of Arts in Development Studies

Students come from government, NGOs and social movements, universities and private companies, as well as directly from their previous studies. This mixture of professional backgrounds and the large variety of nationalities and cultures among staff and students provide the exceptional participatory learning environment that characterizes ISS.

The following Majors are on offer:

- Agrarian, Food and Environmental Studies
- Economics of Development
- Governance and Development Policy
- Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives
- Social Policy for Development

In the MA programme you learn about the most recent theories and debates in your area of specialization. You will learn to apply this knowledge to practical issues of development and social change. This 15.5 months programme starting in September consists of 10 months course work and 5 months research paper.

Certificate Courses

ISS offers a series of certificate courses: short, flexible and well-tuned to the needs of professionals, focusing on key issues of current relevance in preparation and implementation of development policy. Please be aware that the programmes on offer change regularly, check the website for the latest update. For 2017:

- *Universalizing Socioeconomic Security for the Poor*
- *Sustainable Local Economic Development*

Application and Admission

You can apply online on www.iss.nl. Please check our website for starting dates, admission requirements, fees and possibilities for fellowships.

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