



Inequalities and Sustainable Development: Inclusion and Dignity for All



GD206-30

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Optional core - Second year only

30 CATS

8 lecture hours

40 seminar hours

Pre-requisite modules: Either GD104, GD105, GD106, GD107

GD208-15 Term 1

GD211-15 Term 2

Option - Second year only

15 CATS

4 lecture hours

20 seminar hours

Please note: from 2020-21 the codes for this module have changed:

GD208 Term 1, 15 CATS variant

GD211 Term 2, 15 CATS variant

GD206 30 CATS variant

Principal Aims

- Critically reflect on the UN's decision to integrate inequalities into the sustainable development agenda (SDG 10: "Reduced inequalities") and examine the relationship between inequalities and sustainability.
- Analyse how inequalities shape our society, economy and politics, using cross-disciplinary theories and evidence from empirical data and case studies.
- Engage with the most current research on inequalities and examine the perspectives of different disciplines, such as social economics, public policy, area studies, social psychology, political economy and history.

Principal Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this module, students will be able to:

- Identify and appraise key characteristics of, and recent developments in, inequalities in modern societies, at a local/domestic level as well as in a more global context.
- Critically analyse the current debate around inequalities and socio-economic-environmental sustainability, appreciate the complexities of these problems and recognise the challenges faced by policy makers who aim to resolve them.
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge of various cross-disciplinary theories and empirical evidence on the determinants of inequalities, its consequences, and people's attitudes to them.
- Demonstrate an ability to undertake research on issues relating to inequalities.

Syllabus

Term 1

Week 1-2: Does Inequality Matter? Justice, Happiness and Efficiency

Week 3-5: Inequalities at Work: Professional Discrimination

Week 6-8: Does Inequality Threaten "Democracy"?

Week 9-10: Inequality and Environmental Justice

Term 2

Week 1-3: Discrimination and Society: Age, Health and Disability

Week 4-5: Automation, Globalisation and Inequality

Week 6-8: Inequality, Opportunities and Empowerment

Week 9-10: Towards More Sustainable Societies: What Are the Solutions?

Assessment for 30 CATs module

Practical

1 x "Conference" (10 minute presentation + 5 minute discussant) (30%)

Coursework

1 x **Log Book** consisting of four entries of 500 words each (30%); 1 x **3,000 word Research Paper** (40%)

Assessment for 15 CATs module (Term 1 or Term 2)

Coursework

1 x **Log Book** consisting of three entries of 500 words each (50%); 1 x **2,000 word Essay** (50%)

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