

**Ambedkar University Delhi**

**Course Outline**

**Monsoon Semester (January - June 2017)**

**School:** School of Development Studies

**Programme with title:** MA Development Studies

**Semester to which offered:** (II/ IV) IV Semester

**Course Title:** Development and Security

**Credits:** 2 Credits

**Course Code (new):** SDS2DS219

**Course Code (old):**

<b>Type of Course:</b>	Compulsory	no	Cohort
	Elective	yes	Cohort

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**Pre-requisites:**

**Aim:** This course looks at the intersections and multiple areas of convergence of development and security discourses. It aims to discuss how the theoretical framework of each of the concepts has evolved, from politically constructed themes to bring in it more socio-cultural and human purpose roles and thereby transcending disciplinary borders. More recently, vast volumes of literature, policies and development practitioners have applied the so-called development—security nexus and their mutual reinforcements in understanding and enabling the overcoming of vulnerabilities and difficulties of human population. With globalization, the human relation to boundaries are considered varied in the form of state, race, gender, religion, culture, environment etc, the course shall cover concerns from state to human security.

There are global structures and governance having overbearing on the initiatives of health, food, and other forms of security; there is a need to critically look at those perspectives and study policies of different countries. Conflict torn states have grave security issues; this course will

specifically look at how various research enquiries have studied the consequences of conflict on deprivations, inequalities and insecurities. While analyzing the underlying imperatives of security, this course shall look at experiences of developing countries of the global south.

### **Brief description of modules/ Main modules:**

#### **Module 1 Changing conceptions of Security**

The concept of security has over the course of the twentieth century has transformed from its conventional modern understanding rooted in state to a more human centric understandings. Over the course of this evolution, the concern of security discourse has increasingly come to overlap those of the development discourse especially in their 'human' conceptions. This module looks at the rise of modern, statist conceptions of security and the role of militarism in the rise of capitalism and vice versa. However these conceptions were increasingly expanded in the course Cold War to include concerns of Energy security, Food Security, Health Security, Environmental Security and the likes. All these were combined in an increasingly globalized world under the category of 'human security'. At the same time, humanitarian interventions and global war on terror have revived human rights as the basis to over-ride statist sovereignty in the name of improving human conditions.

#### **Module 2: Development as Security**

Towards the closing decades of the twentieth century, discourses of security and development were increasingly seen as converging and overlapping discourses of development. With global structure and global governance shaping health, food, energy and other human forms of security, development is increasingly being seen as war by other means. Exploring impacts of deprivation, inequality and underdevelopment on security and developmental concerns of conflict torn countries, calls have been made to include security and justice within the developmental calculus. Looking at complex human emergencies, it focuses on health and food security amidst horizontal inequalities as well as those of migrants in pursuit of human security.

#### **Module 3: The Bio-politics of Developmental Security**

Taking a more critical approach to the growing overlap between development and security discourses, the final module looks at the bio-politics of developmental security. Exploring the impact of shadow globalization and risk societies amidst post modern wars, it traces the genealogical roots of development as security, and the intricate linkages between global governance, liberal peace and humanitarian interventions. In this context the emerging concept of security governance has increasingly dealt with unintended consequences. In this contexts radical politics have involved bottom up, indigenous and autonomous forms of participatory development.

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**Tentative Assessment schedule with details of weightage:**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Date/period in which Assessment will take place</b>	<b>Weightage</b>
1	Memo1	Third week Jan	33%
2	Memo2	Second week Feb	33%
3	Memo3	First week March	34%
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