



# Development Master Initiative



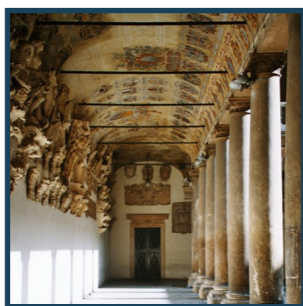
# Welcome to the Coimbra Group Development Master Initiative (CGDMI)

Development Studies is an extraordinary dynamic field of study. New development issues such as global warming arise and new actors such as East Asian countries enter the field drawing lessons from their own development experiences. Diverging views on causes of, and remedies for, development guarantee lively debates. Within Europe, one can find interesting differences between countries in their approaches to development practice and to Development Studies.

The Coimbra Group Development Master Initiative aims to provide students with the best possible entry into contemporary Development Studies by linking a number of programmes of prominent European universities. Students are given the possibility to migrate between the participating universities in order to gain specialist knowledge in specific fields and in order to experience alternative approaches to development. Students can thus explore different cultural backgrounds already during the university studies. Each of the European programmes also has its own links to partner universities in countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia, thus opening diverse windows for students for internships and thesis research. Thereby the CGDMI provides students with a very good basis for a career in international cooperation and in internationally operating organisations.

The universities participating in the CGDMI are: Università degli Studi di Bologna, University of Groningen, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Université Catholique de Louvain, Università degli Studi di Padova, Université de Poitiers, Universidad de Salamanca, Università degli Studi di Siena.

The format of the CGDMI is such that students remain registered with their home university and have access to the special 30 EC course packages of the other participating universities. This format, using Erasmus Programme exchange, avoids administrative complications. In addition, the CGDMI organizes a joint Intensive Programme each year for all students participating on the network, which provides for a highly valued interactive learning experience. It is also linked to the bi-annual Coimbra Group Summer School on a specific topical issue in development. Successful finalisation of the CGDMI programme is rewarded with the Coimbra Group Certificate, issued by home University.



## Annual EU Intensive Programme

The Erasmus Intensive Programme of CGDMI gathers students and teaching staff of the participating universities into a joint seminar focussing each year on a different topical issues in Development. The IP is held in summer, lasting 11 days. Participants' expenditure (travel and subsistence) are covered by the European Union.

The IP consists of 3 parts:

1) A preliminary Distance Learning acquaintance session. This supplies information on the development topic of the IP and relevant case studies and give students the chance to share views and expectations about the topic.

2) A residential seminar. The seminar is centred around five different although interrelated activities, namely:

- (a) keynotes lectures: such lectures are meant to outline elements of a relevant theoretical framework and the core methodological approaches to gather key data and to discuss case study results;
- (b) field work survey: participants will collect empirical information and reflect upon such activity both individually and in small groups;
- (c) group work: participants will discuss the empirical information collected and their field notes and they will be provided feed-back by both fellow participants and faculty;
- (d) round table with stakeholders of the location of the IP: in order to integrate the local actor's views into the analysis of the IP theme;
- (e) elaboration of final reports by the students.

3) A follow-up on-line session. This session is intended to provide overall feedback, to elaborate on the results of the residential seminar.

The IP is rewarded with 5 EC by the participating universities. A final certificate of attendance is provided by the organizing Universities to students who followed the whole programme.

IP 2011: Local development and industrial delocalization In Padova (Italy) and Arad (Romania).

IP 2012: Land Issues in the Age of Globalisation. In Szeged (Hungary).

IP 2013: Water management in Development processes. In Salamanca (Spain)



**UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI BOLOGNA**  
course package: Cooperation, Development and Human Rights

The University of Bologna is the oldest in Europe. Bologna is in the North-East of Italy, and his historical centre is characterised by 60 kilometres of arcades and high Middle-aged towers. The second cycle Degree Programme in International Cooperation, Development and Human Rights is carried out by the Faculties of Political Science, Law and Statistics.

The multi-disciplinary approach of this second cycle Degree promotes the development of a solid capability to elaborate original ideas for the design and implementation of development and cooperation projects and programmes, and provides the knowledge and ability to apply such knowledge in the production, implementation, evaluation and problem-solving of specific project and programme blueprints of social-statistical, economic and political-legal nature, also in the different geographical areas scheduled in the syllabus. At the end, the graduates will be able to make their own judgements concerning the feasibility, effectiveness and efficiency, of development and cooperation projects and programmes and will be able to interpret even incomplete legal information sources. Moreover they will be able to process and produce specific project and programme blueprints of a multi-disciplinary nature and to interact with other specialists and other stakeholders working in various organisations.

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**Key words:**

- Subjects: Economics and Development, Regional and Development Policies, Quantitative methods
- Topics: Measuring and evaluating development, Qualitative and Quantitative analysis methods
- Teaching: Lectures, Seminars, Laboratories.
- Regions: Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East, Asia, South America.

**Courses:**

- Development Economics (Advanced Course, 10 EC)
- Economics of Local Systems (5 EC)
- International Law and Globalisation (10 EC)
- Laboratory of Economics of Local Systems (5 EC)
- Regional Economic Policies (10 EC)
- Civil law in developing countries (5 EC)



**UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN**  
course package: Population & Geography

The University of Groningen is the second largest and second oldest university in the Netherlands. It is a 'classical', comprehensive university, offering many English language programmes. The Population & Geography package of the CGDMI is part of the Research Master programme in Regional Studies: Spaces and Places, Analysis and Intervention. The Research Master is interdisciplinary, because it concentrates on the interactions between population, economy, regional culture and planning. It has a strong link with global and development issues. With its open structure, the programme provides ample opportunity for students to focus on themes of their special interest. It combines a solid training in research methods – both qualitative and quantitative - with a strong focus on participating in actual research. It is strong in theory without being theoretical. Rather than research-for-its-own-sake, the research is linked to either policy making or interventions and actions.

In the Regional Studies programme students will meet and become part of the academic community, through participation in conferences and a stay in an academic institute abroad. Furthermore, you have the opportunity to participate in scientific debates on specific topics in the spatial sciences, and be involved in research projects of our senior researchers and PhD researchers.

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Or visit their website to view the full programme: [Click here](#)

**Key words:**

- Disciplines: Demography, Planning, Spatial Economics, Research Methods
- Topics: Demographic Behaviour, Participation and Policy Intervention, Decentralised Planning, Mega-cities, Qualitative and Quantitative research methods.
- Regions: Africa, Asia (India, Indonesia, China), Europe

**Courses:**

- Theories of Demographic Behaviour
- Economic Geography
- Migration
- Population and Development
- Comparative Planning Design and Practice
- People and Place

Course details: [www.rug.nl/ocasys](http://www.rug.nl/ocasys)



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**KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN**  
course package: Development and Environment

The University of Leuven, founded in 1425, is the oldest and largest university in Belgium. Today, the University offers an extensive range of undergraduate and graduate degree programmes. It attracts a large number of foreign students, making the city a vibrant study place.

The Local Development package is part of the two-year Master in Geography. This master is in English and is jointly organised with the University of Brussels. It offers specialisation tracks in Terrestrial Ecosystems and Environmental Change and in Space and Society. We recently added a new track on Development and Environment to valorise the extensive research experience in developing countries and to offer a relevant package for this Development Master Initiative. We are considering a fourth track in the future on Development and Urbanisation. Students interested in the latter option can ask for an ad hoc study programme. Our teaching is stressing analytical and synthetic skills to understand natural and social aspects of environmental problems and is therefore primarily hands-on research oriented.

The Geography Division is embedded in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences with Divisions from Agronomy and Geology and shares with them a large concern for development matters. The Division also participates in the Erasmus Mundus "Sustainable Territorial Development" – STEDE programme ([www.em-stede.eu](http://www.em-stede.eu)).

With the Development and environment track we want to attract students who wish to specialize in the many environmental problems encountered in rural areas in developing countries. We specifically focus on water and soil and their interrelation with agricultural and other rural practices.

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**Key words:**

- disciplines, subjects : geography, environmental sciences, agronomy, anthropology
- topics, issues: sustainable rural development
- learning-teaching methods: teaching, seminars, exercises, assignments
- geographical regions of interest for research and case studies: Latin America; West-Africa, Ethiopia, East Asia

**Courses:**

- Geographical research methods 1: earth observation techniques (3 EC)
- Geographical research methods 2: survey and data analysis (3 EC)
- Geography of globalisation (6 EC)
- Natural Resources Economics and Policy (6 EC)
- Soil and water conservation (3 EC)

Plus a number of elective courses

**KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT  
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**UNIVERSITÉ CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN**  
course package: Anthropologie du Développement

Outre l'approfondissement des savoirs constitués de la discipline, le programme de master en anthropologie met l'accent sur une pédagogie du projet de recherche. Il permet ainsi d'envisager la réalisation d'un stage de terrain, dans une perspective de recherche fondamentale. Il se situe en outre dans un mouvement de rapprochement entre anthropologie et sociologie, initié en 1997 dans notre université, qui se traduit par la présence de cours de socio-anthropologie ou une finalité spécialisée commune avec la sociologie, centrée sur la « Socio-anthropologie de l'interculturalité et du développement ».

Le master en anthropologie se structure autour d'un projet de recherche que l'étudiant détermine lui-même avec l'aide d'un tuteur. Ce projet vise l'apprentissage de la fameuse "observation participante" (choix d'un terrain, stage sur le terrain, enquête, description, interprétation : rédaction d'une monographie - mémoire).

La Finalité spécialisée: socio-anthropologie de l'interculturalité & du développement. Les anthropologues (et les sociologues) sont de plus en plus souvent intégrés dans la conception, l'exécution et l'évaluation de projets de développement social, économique et culturel, dans un contexte d'interculturalité tant au Nord qu'au Sud de la planète. Cette perspective requiert la connaissance de contextes sociopolitiques et socioculturels particuliers (connaissance des projets de développement, logiques des bailleurs de fonds, initiation aux contextes spécifiques de l'Afrique, de l'Asie ou de l'Amérique latine); une connaissance et une réflexion critique sur les théories globales du développement; la réflexion théorique et critique sur les dynamiques interculturelles.

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**Mots clés:**

- Subjects: Anthropology of Development, ethnography, Anthropology of nature et environment
- Topics: Critical approach on development questions, Rural local development, cosmology link to development
- Teaching: Cooperative learning, papers, discussions
- Regions: Sahelo Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Central Asia

**Courses:**

- Mondialisation et globalisation des phénomènes sociétaux
- Aspects sociologiques du développement
- Sociologie de la culture et des dynamiques interculturelles
- Anthropologie du développement



## UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA

course package: Local Development

The Università degli Studi di Padova is one of the oldest and best universities in Italy. It is situated in the North-Italian historical town of Padova near Venice and offers a wide range of programmes.

The Local Development package is part of the Master programme Local Development is a two-year course, carried out by the Faculties of Education, Agriculture, Political Science and Statistics; it is taught entirely in English. The programme is included in the Erasmus Mundus "Sustainable Territorial Development" – STEDE programme ([www.em-stede.eu](http://www.em-stede.eu)). The educational objective is to let the students acquire critical knowledge, skills and abilities in the field of development cooperation, in particular the "local development" that for at least fifteen years has established itself in literature and in development policies at the international level. With local development we mean the ability of local actors to develop and conduct a shared project of development - sustainable in its economic, social, environmental and political dimensions – based on local territorial capital, taking into account supra-local systemic conditions. In this sense, it differs markedly from any "localistic" approach. The training takes place around several key issues (promotion of socio-territorial dynamics, awareness of the issues of assessment, social and environmental responsibility). The programme includes an internship period to let the students enter in contact with professional activities (e.g. in NGOs, Authorities, Organizations) on which the thesis is drawn up.

Requirements for access are a three-year Degree (Laurea, Ba/BSc, Licence, Licenciatura), English proficiency (minimum B1), plus at least 6 credits in Economics.

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### Key words:

- Subjects: Territorial sciences, Economic and social statistics, Psycho-pedagogical sciences
- Topics: participatory development policies, measuring and evaluating local development, rural local development
- Teaching: Cooperative learning
- Regions: Sahelo-Sudanese Africa, Latin America (mainly Cono Sur), South-Eastern Europe

### Courses:

- How to measure the impact of local development programmes (Statistics)
- How to enhance group interaction (Social psychology)
- Group dynamics and transformative learning (Social pedagogy)
- Territory and local development (Social geography)
- Local development planning with social and environmental responsibility (Project cycle, Rural planning)



## UNIVERSITÉ DE POITIERS

course package: Territoires, entreprises et développement durable

Le Master TEDD forme des spécialistes de l'aménagement du territoire et du développement durable pour les entreprises et les organisations. Il propose une formation interdisciplinaire en économie d'entreprise, en développement économique territorialisé, en développement durable, en management social et environnemental. Le parcours TEDD fournit aux étudiants les concepts, les outils d'analyse et d'intervention nécessaires à la conception et à la conduite de projets. Il accompagne l'apparition de nouveaux métiers liés au développement durable des entreprises et des territoires. Ce Master est également ouvert à la voie recherche.

Le programme des études combine des approches théoriques, des ateliers organisés sous la conduite de professionnels et des travaux de terrains. Le volet théorique consiste à définir les approches conceptuelles utiles pour appréhender les questions de développement durable des entreprises et des territoires, à confronter les points de vue et à articuler les savoirs nécessaires à une vision globale des questions traitées. Le volet pratique repose sur une présentation des institutions publiques et des acteurs privés qui interviennent dans ce domaine de spécialité ainsi que sur des considérations méthodologiques prolongées par des exercices pratiques. De nombreux professionnels interviennent à cette occasion pour présenter des études de cas, témoigner de leur pratique de terrain et décliner les différents aspects de leur métier. Les étudiants sont amenés très fréquemment à travailler en groupe pour produire des diagnostics ou conduire des projets en relation avec les acteurs des territoires.

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### Mots clés:

- Subjects: Développement économique local, développement durable, territoires,
- Topics: Théories et pratiques du développement des territoires,
- Teaching: Cours magistraux, travaux dirigés, travaux de terrains, ateliers, exposés
- Regions: Régions, territoires et villes françaises

### Courses:

- Economie urbaine et villes durables
- Stratégies de développement des territoires
- Ecologie industrielle et consommation durable
- Diagnostic de développement rural





## UNIVERSIDAD DE SALAMANCA

course package: Applied Anthropology: Health and Community Development

In recent years Applied Anthropology has undergone noteworthy developments. Medical Anthropology is the study and knowledge of Health and Disease and of prevention and therapeutic procedures in relation to the cultural environment in which these phenomena occur. It is an interdisciplinary field between the biomedical and socio-cultural disciplines with an anthropological focus; i.e., holistic and comparative. The contribution of Medical Anthropology stems from four perspectives: biological, ecological, cultural and critical; it is complemented by an applied dimension, either in public health or in international health.

The increasing need to contract personnel who have received specialized training from domestic and international agencies in developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America offers important openings and challenges for anthropologists, in particular, and for social scientists in general. Students who followed this program acquired a broad and multidisciplinary training, and have deep knowledge about culture, populations, public health, planning and development, administration and services management, economy and finance, and also about public health education and communications.

The Package for foreign students is taken from the Master in Local development (120 EC)  
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### Key words:

- Subjects: Applied Anthropology, Medicine and Research Methods
- Topics: Tropical Medicine, Health, Local Development, Cultural Diversity and Mediation
- Teaching: Cooperative learning
- Regions: Africa, East Asia and Oceania

### Courses:

- Tropical Medicine for Community Development (3EC)
- Tropical Epidemiology for Community Development (3EC)
- Research Methods in Health and Development (3EC)
- Participatory Methodologies in Cooperation (3EC)
- Research Methodologies and Techniques in Anthropology (3EC)
- Field Work Methodology (3EC)
- Medical Anthropology (3EC)
- Health, Disease and Cultural Diversity (3EC)
- Bases of Cultural Mediation and Development (3EC)
- Cultural Mediation and Gender Issues (3EC)

### Optionals:

- Regional Anthropology of Southeast Asia and the Pacific (3EC)
- Regional Anthropology of Africa (3EC)



## UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI SIENA

course package: Development and International Cooperation

The University of Siena is one of the oldest and best universities in Italy. It is situated in the Central-Italian historical town of Siena near Florence and offers a wide range of programmes.

The Development and International Cooperation package is part of a bachelor three-year course, carried out by the Faculties of Political Science and Humanities; it is taught entirely in Italian. The educational objective is to let the students acquire critical knowledge, skills and abilities in the field of development studies and international cooperation. The degree course aims to provide useful knowledge to the understanding, assessment and management of issues relating to contemporary society, the complex relations among states, the processes of democratization and human rights. Equipped with this knowledge, graduates will professionally fit with high-level functions in counseling and in diplomatic facilities, agencies, international and supranational organizations, in public administration offices active in international relations, human rights, cooperation and peace, non-governmental organizations, public and private companies. Graduates will also possess knowledge of the dynamic processes of structural change occurring in the international arena (such as globalization) and skills in planning, management and coordination of activities in the programs of cooperation and development. Particular attention is given to the role of civil society and local governments in reducing global poverty, and to non-governmental organizations (NGOs), analyzed through the use of specific cases, the evolution, characteristics, dynamics and the role they play within the Cooperation.

Requirements for access are a three-year Degree (Laurea, Ba/BSc, Licence, Licenciatura), English proficiency (minimum B1), plus at least 6 credits in Economics.

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### Key words:

- Subjects: Sustainable development, human rights, sociology, migration, social sustainability, social cohesion, integration, local development
- Topics: Globalization, cooperation for development, NGO, civil society, combating social vulnerability,
- Teaching: Cooperative learning
- Regions: Europe, North Africa

### Courses:

- Dynamics of Globalization, alternative development models and active citizenship (Development and Globalization)
- Actors, typologies and models of cooperation for development (Sociology of Development)
- Development and the global south (Geography of development)
- Sustainable development (Economic geography)
- The local dynamics of social processes and inclusion of minorities (Sociology of migration)



## Specialisation Offered:

University of Bologna	Cooperation, Development and Human Rights
University of Groningen	Population & Geography
University of Leuven	Development and Environment
Université Catholique de Louvain	Anthropologie du Développement
University of Salamanca	Applied Anthropology: Health and Community
University of Siena	Development and International Cooperation
University of Padova	Local Development
Université de Poitiers	Territoires, Entreprises et Développement Durable

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