



PROGRAMME TITLE: MSc International Development
SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TEACHING STAFF 2026

Staff member nominating the book	Title	Author(s)	Comments
Dr Gerhard Anders	Anthropology, Development and Modernities (2000)	Alberto Arce & Norman Long	While the diffusion of modernity and the spread of development schemes may bring prosperity, optimism and opportunity for some, for others it has brought poverty, a deterioration in quality of life and has given rise to violence. This collection brings an anthropological perspective to bear on understanding the diverse modernities we face in the contemporary world. It provides a critical review of interpretations of development and modernity, supported by rigorous case studies from regions as diverse as Guatemala, Sri Lanka, West Africa and contemporary Europe. <i>Anthropology, Development and Modernities</i> deals with the realities of people's everyday lives and dilemmas. It is essential reading for students and scholars in anthropology, sociology and development studies
Dr Gerhard Anders	Anthropology for Development: From Theory to Practice (2018)	Robyn Eversole	Anthropology for Development: From Theory to Practice connects cross-cultural social theory with the concerns of development policy and practice. It introduces the reader to a set of key ideas from the field of anthropology of development, and shows how these insights can be applied to solve real-world development dilemmas. This book will prove invaluable to undergraduate and postgraduate students who are professionals-in-training in development studies programs around the world.
Dr Gerhard Anders	The Development State: Aid, Culture and Civil Society in Tanzania (2014)	Maia Green	A timely, ethnographically informed account of the "development state" of Tanzania, showing how development practice and culture have become integrated into everyday life, politically, socially and economically. With Tanzania as the country focus, the author shows how the practices of development have infiltrated not only the state at large but many aspects of people's everyday lives.
Dr Jose Maria Munoz	Research and Fieldwork in Development (2015)	Daniel Hammett, Chasca	<i>Research and Fieldwork in Development</i> explores both traditional and cutting edge research methods, from interviews and ethnography to spatial data and digital methods. Each chapter provides the reader with an understanding of the theoretical basis of



		Twyman, Mark Graham	research methods, reflects upon their practice and outlines appropriate analysis techniques. The text also provides a cutting edge focus on the role of new media and technologies in conducting research.
Dr Andrew Bowman & Dr Hazel Gray	Introduction to International Development: Approaches, Actors and Issues (2021)	Paul Haslam, Jessica Schafer, Pierre Beaudet	A comprehensive introduction to international development, with chapters by leading experts who explore the field's most pressing issues and debates. <i>Introduction to International Development</i> is a collection of contributed chapters comprised of original essays by leading experts from a variety of disciplines.
Dr Ann-Christin Zuntz	The Aid Effect: Giving and Governing in International Development (2005)	David Mosse & David Lewis	The Aid Effect demonstrates the fruitfulness of an ethnographic approach to aid, policy reform and global governance. The contributors provide powerful commentary on hidden processes, multiple perspectives or regional interests behind official aid policy discourses. The book raises important questions concerning the systematic social effects of aid relationships, the nature of sovereignty and the state, and the working of power inequalities built through the standardisations of a neoliberal framework.
Prof Jeevan Sharma	Land' s End: Capitalist Relations on an Indigenous Frontier (2014)	Tania Murray Li	Drawing on two decades of ethnographic research in Sulawesi, Indonesia, Tania Murray Li offers an intimate account of the emergence of capitalist relations among indigenous highlanders who privatized their common land to plant a boom crop, cacao. Spurred by the hope of ending their poverty and isolation, some prospered, while others lost their land and struggled to sustain their families. The book challenges complacent, modernization narratives promoted by development agencies that assume inefficient farmers who lose out in the shift to high-value export crops can find jobs elsewhere. Decades of uneven and often jobless growth in Indonesia meant that for newly landless highlanders, land's end was a dead end.