

Module Details	
Module Title	Critical Perspectives on Sustainable Development
Module Code	DEV7026-B
Academic Year	2023/4
Credits	20
School	School of Social Sciences
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	22
Seminars	8
Directed Study	170

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 1

Module Aims
This module aims to develop an advanced understanding of sustainable development from economic, social and environmental dimensions, the global and national policy discourses on measurement and indicators, and implementation challenges and the roles of state and non-state actors and corporate social responsibility.

Outline Syllabus
Sustainable development- from WCED 1987 to New York 2015; economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development in the journey to 2030; critical perspectives on alternative theories; sustainability as inter-temporal fairness; critical perspectives and thematic discussions to include a range of relevant topics such as: the green economy; sustainability and human rights perspectives and protecting the rights of future generations; social dimensions of sustainability - inclusion, inequalities, indigenous people, displacement; global commons, climate change, the principle of equal but differentiated responsibilities; critical perspectives on Sustainable Development Goals and the setback due to Covid19; ethics of sustainability; challenge of responsibility - who should act, and why; citizen, state and corporate; potential and limitations of corporate social responsibility; ideological and ethical critiques of sustainability; science and sceptics of sustainability; the role of innovation and how to harness new approaches for behavioural and social change; sustainable cities; challenges and future directions.

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Show advanced understanding of concepts and theories of sustainable development;
02	Critically examine ideological, ethical and institutional perspectives on sustainable development and the concepts of justice & responsibility including those based on rights (including those of future generations and non-human living organisms) and their implications for the role of individuals, the state and corporate organisations;
03	Critically examine the link between sustainability and well-being and existing and new indicators and their relevance to Sustainable Development Goals agenda;
04	Analyse complex issues underpinning the narratives of sustainable development and its implementation;
05	Critically examine the ethical dilemmas and issues related to special countries (such as small islands, coastal regions; land-locked countries), population groups (including gender dimensions and rights of indigenous people) or species and renewable and non-renewable resources;
06	Apply and critically comment on quantitative and qualitative approaches to sustainability;
07	Develop and critically reflect on a case study portfolio conduct research and communicate your ideas in writing.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
Teaching will be blended learning and research-led. Online and (subject to health and safety) face-to-face lectures and seminars develop the key concepts, theories and alternative models of sustainable development and practice and will contribute to achieving learning outcomes LO1 - 6. Debates and discussions i explore complexities and ethical dilemmas ). You will develop individual portfolios (contributing to achieving LO's 1 to 7) by writing tasks and mini-essays that require you to research and critically evaluate current literature (LO's 1 - 7).

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Coursework - Written	Task 1: demonstrate understanding of complex ideas and theories of sustainable development (1000 words)	25%
Summative	Coursework - Written	Task 2: Corporate social responsibility and case study of allocated company (1000 words)	25%
Summative	Coursework - Written	Task 3: Critical reflection on an activity (1000 words)	25%
Summative	Coursework - Written	Task 4: Critical literature review plus a reflective report or business plan (1000 words)	25%

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit <a href="https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html">https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html</a>

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