EEP 260: WORLD FOOD, POPULATION & POVERTY

WEEK 1: INTRODUCTION
8/28 (Tuesday) Course Overview

8/30 (Thursday) Video: Hear Our Voices – The Poor on Poverty. This video explores the complexities of poverty from the point of view of the poor, giving voice to poor people from India, Brazil, Bosnia, Uganda, and Mali.

WEEK 2: WHAT IS DEVELOPMENT?
9/4 (Tuesday) Globalization; Economic Interdependence

9/6 (Thursday) Meaning of Development; Addressing Global Challenges

WEEK 3: WHAT IS THE ‘FOOD PROBLEM’?
9/11 (Tuesday) Current Situation; Causes of Hunger, Famine & Food Insecurity; Success Stories; Future Concerns

9/13 (Thursday) Continued

WEEK 4: HOW CAN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION?
9/18 (Tuesday) Video: Seeds of Hope. Focuses on efforts to rebuild the agricultural research system in Cambodia, after it was destroyed by a civil war.

9/20 (Thursday) Modernizing Agriculture; Emerging Technologies & Strategies; Reasons for concern, Controversies

WEEK 5: HOW CAN THE POPULATION EXPLOSION BE CONTROLLED?
9/25 (Tuesday) Video: Population Change & Economic Development. Explores the implications of population growth and ways to reduce it.

9/27 (Thursday) Population Growth Trends; Consequences of Demographic Change; Success Stories; Controversies
WEEK 6: HOW CAN THE POPULATION EXPLOSION BE CONTROLLED?
10/2 (Tuesday) Continued

10/4 (Thursday) First Exam

Week 7: HOW CAN COUNTRIES IMPROVE HEALTH AND NUTRITION?
10/9 (Tuesday) Video: Prescription for Health. Focuses on ways to reduce water-borne diseases in developing countries.

10/11 (Thursday) Key Health & Nutrition Issues; Focus on HIV-AIDS; Controversies

WEEK 8: HOW CAN ACCESS TO FOOD, OPPORTUNITY & HUMAN RIGHTS BE EXPANDED?
10/16 (Tuesday) Video: Gender Analysis. Focuses on the reasons for considering gender when designing development projects.

10/18 (Thursday) Human Rights; Women; The Poor, Minorities, the Landless; Youth

WEEK 9: ARE CONFLICTS BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT INEVITABLE?
10/23 (Tuesday) Video: Climate Control: Can We Do It? Focuses on the causes of global warming and efforts underway to address the problem.

10/25 (Thursday) Overview; Global Warming-Energy; Forests-Species; Animals; Water-Fish

WEEK 10: ARE CONFLICTS BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT INEVITABLE?
10/30 (Tuesday) Environment (continued)

11/1 (Thursday) Second Exam

WEEK 11: WHAT POLICIES & INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS ARE NEEDED?
11/6 (Tuesday) Conflict & Reconciliation; Structural Adjustment & Economic Reform; Democracy & Empowerment; Non-Governmental Organizations & People Power
WEEK 12: IS MORE FOREIGN AID THE ANSWER?
11/13 (Tuesday) Video: *Making a World of Difference*. Focuses on the impact of foreign aid in developing countries.

11/15 (Thursday) Rational for Aid; Recent Aid Initiatives; Criticism of Aid; Future of Aid

WEEK 13: HOW CAN YOU TRAVEL THE WORLD & MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
11/20 (Tuesday) Video: *Completely Alive--The Peace Corps Experience*
Panel Discussion: MSU students who served in the Peace Corps will answer your question about the Peace Corps.

Study Abroad, International Volunteer Opportunities

11/22 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Vacation

WEEK 14: WHY IS IT DIFFICULT TO EXPAND TRADE?
11/27 (Tuesday) Trade Theory/Gains from Expanding Trade; Impacts of Trade Barriers & Trade Liberalization; Looking to the Future: Key Challenges

11/29 (Tuesday) Continued

WEEK 15: WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT?
12/4 (Tuesday) Panel Discussion: International students from several developing countries will answer your questions about their countries & course topics.

12/6 (Thursday) Sustainable Development, Review

FINAL EXAM: TUESDAY, December 11, 10:00-12:00 pm