Organizational Perspectives on Global Development

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**Time:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

**Location:** Blegen 205 (though we may move)

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**Course Description**

International aid\(^1\) work increasingly takes place within organizational contexts. Most students will work in some kind of organization after graduation and many, if not most, of you will be managers and/or leaders during your careers. International aid organizations are sites of power, innovation, and social change, but can also be places that discourage innovation and reinforce inequalities. Effective organizational management and leadership are critical to achieving broadly beneficial social, economic, and public value. How can we make international aid organizations more responsive to the needs of both the staff that work for them and the beneficiaries they are attempting to serve, while maintaining the support of their funders and working within the existing regulatory apparatus? This course will examine the successes and challenges faced in these tremendously complex environments, focusing on empowering you with the courage to act under conditions of uncertainty in order to strengthen the work of your organization.

Taking an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective, this course examines the efforts of multiple organizations within the international aid “industry”, including NGOs, governments, bi-lateral and multi-lateral organizations, corporations, foundations, and international organizations. We cover some of the major theoretical approaches to organizational analysis, including concepts from sociology, political science, psychology, public administration, and management. Learning to use multiple perspectives is critical. By gaining insight across different theoretical perspectives, students will develop an understanding of how theories provide distinctive windows into understanding behavior in

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\(^1\) International aid transcends national boundaries and encompasses various policy fields related to multiple facets of global development, including poverty alleviation and economic development, environmental protection, education, healthcare, and a wide variety of “rights-based” approaches that include both more specific legal and political rights as well as more broadly defined economic, social, and cultural rights that overlap with development concerns. In addition, as they intersect with global development concerns, we will also study organizations efforts in emergency response, humanitarian assistance, and disaster relief.
complex social settings. Throughout, you will come to see that organizations provide opportunities and constraints as well as power and privilege within particular contexts.

Note: This course focuses primarily on private actors – across the nonprofit and for-profit spaces – with less emphasis on governmental action. This is not because governmental action in this realm is unimportant (far from it), but rather because other courses at HHH cover these topics in more depth (see Dean Schwartz’s course and Mary Curtin’s course). We will analyze how interorganizational relationships include state actors and how government influences private actors in this space.

This seminar is divided into three parts. In weeks 1-3 we will gain an overview of the complementary fields we are drawing upon for this field of study. Beginning with a grounding in the broad field of global development, humanitarian relief, and international aid, gaining familiarity with the critiques of this sector, and then familiarizing ourselves with the conceptual tools from management, sociology, and political science that assist in an analysis of this sector from an explicitly institutional and organizational perspective. Weeks 4-7 provide context for the external environment in which development organizations operate. Weeks 9-11 delve inside organizations. Weeks 13-14 conclude by looking at some current management topics within international aid, especially around measurement and funding.

**Learning Objectives**

Managing international aid organizations in the 21st century demands “big picture” management skills that allow individuals to think critically and accurately analyze their external environments, relevant stakeholders, and resource relationships, and they must learn how to effectively maneuver their organizations through the unique political, economic, ideological, and socio-cultural landscape in which they operate. In addition, it requires an in-depth facility with the many nuances that make up organizations themselves, including program design, the evaluation of effectiveness, organizational identity and culture, and (last but certainly not least) the complexity of human behavior through the motivations, discretion, and experiences of its manpower, the staff. The course aims to provide both “the forest” and “the trees”, and give students practice moving back and forth between the different levels of analysis, so that even as you are approaching a problem at one level, you have an awareness of the complexity of the situation at an alternative level. By the completion of this course, I expect that students will be able to:

- Think critically about international aid organizations, especially regarding ways in which they reflect and create power and privilege, the manner in which individuals’ needs and desires interact with, support, or challenge the needs of the organization, and how all of this is influenced by forces outside the boundary of the organization;
- Given this complex understanding, be able to develop actionable recommendations to improve the effectiveness of international aid organizations in the context of multiple (and often contested) understandings of community/global development and conflicting stakeholder demands; and
- Demonstrate organizational skills including leading and participating within a team, memo writing, opinion writing, and oral presentations.
Student Well-Being

This course provides builds knowledge on good management through readings, simulations, cases, assignments, and through offering practice and modeling of the behaviors you will need to be a good manager. I believe that a large part of that is understanding that all employees are people, with lives outside of work. The same holds for everyone in this class, obviously: you are not only students, but daughter and sons and wives and husbands and boyfriends and girlfriends and sisters and brothers and aunts and uncles. In addition, sometimes we need help beyond what family, friends, or spiritual leaders can offer.

If you or someone you know has difficulties related to anxiety, depression, drug/alcohol dependency, family, eating disorders, finances, or other struggles, I encourage you to use the University of Minnesota’s free, professional counselors who maintain confidentiality. No appointment is needed to speak with a counselor for an urgent need, Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:30.² You may also schedule long-term counseling sessions.

If it is after hours or if things feel urgent, 24/7, your options include:

- The Crisis Connection at (612) 301-4673 (to speak to a woman) or 612-379-6367 (to speak to a man). This is a nonprofit which provides free and confidential 24-hour telephone crisis counseling to the Twin Cities/ Metropolitan area. (There is a brief pre-recorded message, but you will then be connected with someone you can talk with.) If you would prefer, you can text "UMN" to 61222 and a counselor will talk, offer suggestions or provide you with resources that may help — all through texting.
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433). After you call, you will hear a message saying you have reached the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. You will hear hold music while your call is being routed. You will be helped by a skilled, trained crisis worker who will listen to your problems and will tell you about mental health services in your area.
- The Sexual Assault Hotline is 800-879-1999 or you can chat online at: https://ohl.rainn.org/online/. In addition, the Aurora Center (612-626 9111) provides free and confidential support for victim/survivors and concerned persons affected by sexual violence, domestic violence, or stalking. An advocate is also available through the help line 24 hours a day to join anyone in the emergency room that has experienced sexual assault.

Please consider putting these numbers in your phone, either for yourself or to share with friends in need.

² Please visit http://www.mentalhealth.umn.edu/crisis/index.html for more information on locations and numbers, should you wish to call ahead and schedule an appointment. Note that Boynton Health Services will submit a claim to your insurance, while student counseling services (Suite 117 in Appleby Hall (128 Pleasant Street SE.) on the U of M East Bank) are free of charge.
Course Format

We will meet these objectives through readings, participation in class discussions, mini-lectures, simulations, case analyses, group projects, presentations, and the sharing of students’ own experiences. You are encouraged to monitor Moodle and your email for all course updates.

The teaching method is based on seminar format and the active learning model. This approach requires that students prepare by reading the substantive course readings and cases and come ready to engage in lively conversation about the materials and their own experiences. I will assume you’ve done the readings, taken time to reflect on the issues they raise, and arrived at class with some thoughtful opinions. For this format to work, you will need to read with a critical eye and think about how the readings fit together and relate to your experiences. As you read, think broadly about issues you want to raise for discussion.

The course is a significant amount of work, but students find that they also gain a tremendous amount from their participation. I expect you to work hard, but I also give you structured breaks through the semester at times that I know you have a lot going on in other courses. We do not meet on Week 8 or the Tuesday of Thanksgiving week.

Class Structure
Class will be organized with one topic a week. We will generally spend one session discussing the readings, seminar-style, and the other with a guest speaker, doing a simulation, or some other engaged exercise. Generally, at the beginning of class on Tuesdays, I will review major points and add comments designed to elaborate on key concepts, fill in historical background, raise alternative perspectives, or draw connections to contemporary events. We will then have a discussion of the readings, facilitated by student discussion leaders. On Thursdays, we will generally discuss an organizational case, listen to a speaker, or participate in an in-class exercise or activity. However, given the small and intimate nature of a seminar class, I reserve the right to adapt what we cover based upon the group's interests. This will be an evolving course shaped by all of you.

Food in Class
We have a small seminar that meets at 1pm. If you feel comfortable, I encourage you to bring your lunch or snacks, for yourself and/or to share. The goal is to create a comfortable environment to dig down into some meaty issues.

Technology in Class
Unless you have an emergency situation, please turn off cell phones during class. Laptops and similar devices are allowed, but please note that a growing body of research suggests that computer-assisted note-taking (and especially open browsers) can increase distractions, encourage rote transcription, and inhibit learning.

Accommodations
I am eager to hear from anyone who may require accommodations in this class for reasons related to ability or life situation. Please let me know if I can help by modifying seating arrangements, deadlines, or other features of the class.
# Course Requirements

## Grade Distribution

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*All assignments will be docked a full letter grade for each 24 hour period they are late.*

## Preparation and Participation

### Reading Notes (15%)

Each week you will be assigned approximately 6-8 readings, plus sometimes an additional applied case study. To help you better synthesize the reading material for the course, facilitate weekly discussions, and provide an easy reference for what you learned in the course, every week you will use the template provided on Moodle to guide your response to the week’s readings. I will do the second week for you to model the process. You are responsible for doing these **weekly** from Weeks 3-14, excepting weeks 8 and 12, when there is no class. Over this period you are responsible for 8 reading notes. You can a) do all 10 and drop your lowest 2 grades; b) do 9, skip one week, and drop the lowest grade; or c) skip 2 weeks. The choice is yours.

This is not meant to be busy work! This is to help you better understand what you are reading and highlight where there are questions or misunderstandings of the material.

This assignment is due by Monday at noon each week. It will be graded according to a check/check plus/check minus system in which you will receive a check (roughly = 92) for comprehensively completing the assignment, a check-plus (roughly = 100) when you go above and beyond, and a check-minus (equal to an 80 or below) when you just do the bare minimum. Not doing a journal entry will result in a 0.
Class Participation (10%)

Class attendance and active participation are expected, as an essential part of the learning process. In combination with the session leader, I will facilitate discussion and help integrate the prevailing views of class members with core theoretical ideas. In this way, the direction and quality of the discussion is the collective responsibility of the group. This includes preparing for class sessions by reflecting on the readings and actively participating in the discussion. All readings for each week are to be prepared in advance of the week's first class session, on Tuesday. In order to participate in class discussion, it should go without saying that you need to be physically present. You are adults who are responsible for managing your own learning and, as a result, I do not have an absence policy. However, it is unlikely that you will be able to participate well in class if you are not there. Participation is not gauged by the volume or frequency of your voice, but by your attention to the conversation.

Students will receive strong marks for participation if they are consistently engaged and make a good faith effort to advance our collective understanding. Be creative. Question what you read. Make trouble. Give us reasons to be persuaded; direct us to evidence; challenge our consensus; question the statements that we have made to one another. At the same time, please bear in mind that the classroom is a public academic forum. Please be respectful and follow standards of ethics and etiquette appropriate to such a setting. Our group includes students with diverse political viewpoints and students from many different academic, social, and professional backgrounds. For our class meetings to be productive, people will need to feel comfortable expressing minority views, engaging in respectful debate, asking basic questions, and sometimes saying, “I don’t get it.” Please make sure that, in class and beyond, you do what you can to make this possible.

Some people are less comfortable than others speaking in public. But, you are pursuing a degree in public affairs. If you want to succeed in this arena – as a program evaluator, a policy analyst, a manager, a nonprofit director, an advocate, an activist, whatever – you should do everything you can now to get comfortable speaking your mind (in a clear and accessible way) in a room of fifteen people.

Guest speakers invest a lot of time and energy preparing for class. I have invited several notable individuals to speak during our classes. To show interest and respect for our guest speakers by engaging with their experiences and our class topics, I ask that you bring in one question for each guest speaker.

Office Hours

As part of your class participation grade, I require one visit to office hours during the semester. I use this session to get to know you better outside a class setting, so require that you visit me in the first five weeks of the semester. The conversation can be unstructured, but if you feel more comfortable coming prepared, feel free to identify a topic or question from the course that peaked your interest and we can discuss more fully. The meeting need only last 15 minutes. If my office hour times don’t work, email me and we can work something out. Note, I need at least a week of advance notice, more during busy times of the semester, to schedule a meeting outside office hours.
Seminar Facilitation (10%)

At the end of week 2, you will sign up for one session over the remainder of the course. Generally, the reading discussion occurs on a Tuesday, and you will be responsible for facilitating that day. To prepare, you should read all of the materials fully, read through your classmates’ reading notes, and develop a number of questions that will help facilitate discussion. In addition, you should develop an exercise to help students think more deeply about the issues. I encourage you to access online resources regarding creative teaching strategies. The instructor will open the class with a brief lecture providing an overview of the material, so this is not a resuscitation of the material. You are welcome to use the questions posted on others reading journals, your own questions, or news stories/events to help you guide the discussion.

Reflective Essays

First Draft (Due: Week 1, ungraded)
In 1-2 single-spaced pages, reflect on why you are taking this class. What motivates your interest in international aid organizations? What is your personal biography and how does that relate to this topic? What related work experience have you had in this domain? What would you like to do in the future that is related to international aid work? Write a short personal essay. You will not turn this in, but will use it as a basis for class discussion, both today and in reflection near the end of the semester, so make sure you keep an electronic or hard copy.

Final Draft (Due: Week 15, 10%)
In 2 single-spaced pages, reflect on how your ideas about international aid have been challenged or reinforced throughout this semester. What have you read that was particularly pivotal in that regard? In what ways did you beliefs or understandings change? Are there any outstanding beliefs you had at the outset that have not changed? Why? This assignment is designed to give you freedom to thoughtfully reflect upon your learning and growth through the course this semester, grounded in the work we have done. To that end, use citations of relevant work in APA format i.e. (Oelberger, 2016) and attach a third page with the full references.

Opinion Editorial (Op-Ed) Project

Throughout the course you will learn about many important organizational topics and trends within international aid. The purpose of this assignment is to further develop your opinions about international aid organizations, based on an analysis of current events using lenses developed within the course. This assignment is additionally designed to offer you experience with a repeated editing process, conveying your thoughts in a concise format, and providing networking and exposure within the field. Select a topic that you find interesting and write an op-ed piece to an industry/trade journal, news outlet, blog, etc. More detailed information on the components of the assignment, examples of published
work from past students, and online resources is available on Moodle. Max word length = 1,250 words.

**Idea Brief** (Due: Week 3, ungraded)

Identify an issue you are interested in exploring further that draws upon what we will be examining within the course. In other words, look at the menu of topics we will cover -- the rise of the market, accountability and stakeholders, culture and organizational change, collaboration, human resource management, work-life integration, etc – and identify an area of interest either within one of these topics or, even more interesting, cross-cutting across two or three topics. Submit to the instructor on the due date:

- One short paragraph describing the issue you are interested in analyzing, highlighting the organizational lenses you will be using.
- One potential publication outlet, along with the submission criteria (length, format, etc.).
- Links to three examples from within that outlets that you would like to model your piece on.

**Revision Process: Op-Ed Drafts & Peer Feedback**

You will prepare (at least) four drafts of the Op-Ed before your final submission. For drafts 1-3, submit your paper to Moodle and bring a hard copy to class. For draft 4, share in an appropriate form with your friendly reviewers.

- The first and third drafts are due on Tuesday in Weeks 4 and 11, and will be reviewed by a peer editor. I will match students for a peer review process and facilitate in-class feedback sessions on Weeks 5 and 13. As a peer editor, you will use the rubric provided by the instructor to review your colleague’s op-ed and provide feedback, both in-line, as well as through the rubric form. Resources are available on Moodle to guide you in the editing and feedback giving/receiving process. Bring a hard copy of the feedback to class on feedback/review days.

- The second draft will be submitted to the instructor in Week 7, and will be graded.

- The fourth draft should be shared with three external “friendly” reviewers. Ask friends, family, or colleagues to read the piece and spend 5” discussing it with you. Rather than defending yourself, take note of the areas that they disagreed with or didn’t understand. Attempt to remedy the flaws they identify or parts that were confusing. Remember, your goal is to make this approachable and convincing to a lay audience.

**Formatting for each draft:**

- Include an article title
- Triple space the document to make space for reviewer feedback.
- Insert page numbers
- Note the aimed submission outlet, guidelines for article length, and the current number of words.
**Oral Briefing** (Due: 12/8, 5%)
Individually, you will deliver a 2-minute oral briefing that summarizes the main analysis from your op-ed piece. Grading criteria is available on Moodle.

**Final Op-Ed** (Due: 12/8, 15%)
In addition to gathering “internal” feedback from peers and your instructor and “external” feedback from friendly reviewers, schedule an appointment with the writing center to get feedback on how to polish your final draft. Before submitting your final draft to the instructor, go through the proper steps to submit your op-ed to the publication outlet you have chosen. (If your piece gets accepted, please let me know!)

On the due date, submit the following materials to the instructor:

1. All drafts from the revision process
2. Feedback from peer colleagues, instructor, and friendly reviewers
3. Proof of appointment with writing center
4. Proof of submission to External Outlet
5. 140 character “tweet” regarding your argument. Note: if you do not have a Twitter account, you are required to set one up in order to perform this part of the assignment.
6. Final Op-Ed Piece

**Management Consulting: Organizational and Field Analysis**

The purpose of these assignments is to enhance your understanding of the course concepts by engaging in activities regarding a real international aid organization in a team setting. With another student/other students, in the second week you will choose a nonprofit, for-profit, or public organization to examine throughout the semester, based on student preferences for either a particular country/region or a particular social issue/policy field. There are two parts to this requirement. In advance of each due date, I will hand out a more detailed assignment and grading sheet for each.

**Environmental Mapping** (Due: Friday 10/28, 5pm via Moodle, 10%)
Drawing upon our readings and course discussion from the first seven weeks of class, you will perform an environmental mapping of the organization you are studying. There are many forces in the general, policy, and task environment that shape the work of international aid organizations. Consider the most important external environmental factors that managers and leaders in your organization must keep their eyes upon, identifying key opportunities that are currently unsatisfied as well as challenges that you think are jeopardizing your organization’s future.

Your team will make a 10-15 minute oral presentation, as if you were management consultants hired to advise the organization how to move forward. The audience for your presentation is the Director of the organization and/or the Board. You will record these on Voice Thread. Details on how to do this are posted on Moodle.
Organizational Management Consulting  (Due: Friday 12/16, 5pm via Moodle, 15%)  
Drawing upon both the environmental mapping you performed in Week 8, as well as our readings and course discussion from the second half of the course focusing internally on organizational operations, structure, culture, beneficiaries, performance, and workers, you will perform an organizational analysis, as if you were management consultants hired to advise the organization how to move forward. The audience for this assignment is the Director of the organization and/or the Board. This assignment consists of two sections.

Management Memo
The management memo is intended to develop your skills at argument and analysis. Effective management memos should evince not only rich understanding but make connections among different ideas and show the ability to make critical appraisals of core ideas. Memos should be well-organized and have a logical structure. These analyses are designed to help you master the communication of complex information within space constraints. It is much more difficult to write effective, crisp, and rich short papers than it is to write longer papers, but it is a valuable skill to develop. Therefore, the memo should consist of 1 single-spaced page.

Logic Memo
The logic memo is intended to summarize the logic you used in devising your analysis and recommendations, tying them directly to course concepts. It should be approximately 2 single-spaced pages.

Organizational Case Analysis  (Due: Thursday 10/13, 1pm via Moodle, 5%)
For this assignment, you will follow the same format, writing a management and logic memo, but instead of analyzing your organization, you will analyze a case we all read in class. This will give you an opportunity to become familiar with the format of management case analysis and memo writing before the high stakes final assignment. The case you will be responsible for is Partnership in Troubled Waters. I will discuss more details a week in advance.
# Overview of Semester Topics, Class Plans, and Assignments

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Part I: Introduction to Management Challenges in International Aid Organizations and Institutions

**Week 1: Global Development: Overview and Mapping the Players (9/6 & 9/8)**

This is a course in Managing Global Development. First, what is “global”? How is this similar or different from international development, transnational development, or community development? Second, what is “development”, as a state of being (ie. developed versus undeveloped) and as a process (ie. developing)? How does development work overlap and intersect with “aid”, “relief”, or “assistance” that is “humanitarian”, “emergency”, or “disaster” related? This week we will also discuss to what extent this is a sector, an industry, or a more amorphous "space"? Across all these discussions, we'll reflect upon to what extent these distinctions are semantic versus substantive. We will begin the course by interrogating and reflecting upon these terms that classify and place boundaries around the arena we are studying, and insodoing inform the way in which we analyze and identify solutions to challenges and opportunities within the sphere. How are problems framed within the development arena/industry/space/sector? Furthermore, this is a course that uses organizational perspectives to analyze global development work. This week we will review some useful tools of institutional and organizational analysis that will be deployed over the remainder of the semester, highlighting the roles of power, culture, and structure.

**Readings**

Background Context: What is International Development?


How is this different from Humanitarian/Disaster/Emergency Aid/Relief/Assistance? (which we focus on less in this class)


What does it mean to study development through an organizational management lens?

Who are the organizational players within the development world's long chain of (funding) command?


Background on “helping”

1. https://medium.com/the-development-set/the-reductive-seduction-of-other-people-s-problems-3c07b307732d#.6ffai9tjn, which has similar arguments to Illich (1968), so also look at the latter if you are not familiar with it.
2. Addams (1899) The Subtle Problems of Charity. The Atlantic. Jane Addams is one of America's foremost progressive reformers and social entrepreneurs, Jane Addams kept busy not simply founding Hull House and changing the way we provided support for the urban poor, but writing about the philosophical challenges of philanthropy and democracy. This article is important for its recognition that charity inevitably splits the world into the helpers and those to be helped and can, as such, become an instrument for reinforcing rather than redressing inequality.

Assignment: Reflective Essay #1 (Due Thursday 9/8 in class)

Overview Resources:


**Additional Resource Readings with Critical Perspectives on Aid.**


The arena of global development has had long standing participation from third sector actors, from volunteers to missionary organizations, from grassroots advocacy groups to large international NGOs. This week, we will gain an overview of this participation, as well as grounding ourselves in the multiple critiques that this work has been subjected to, using
them as context through which we will analyze attempts to create more successful work in the sector.

Readings and Resources: (Required readings are indicated with a *)

**INGOS**


**Religious Organizations**


**NGO relationships with the State**


**NGO relationships with funders**

1. *Dupuy, Ron, and Prakesh (Forthcoming) “Hands Off My Regime! Governments’ Restrictions on Foreign Aid to Non-Governmental Organizations in Poor and Middle-


**In-Class Case Simulation (Tuesday):** Competing for Development: Fuel-Efficient Stoves for Darfur. Harvard Business School case 908M61 (Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario). Or Development in Dhankura. Materials will be disseminated on Thursday the week prior.

**Assignment:** Identify organization or interests for grouping (Due Thursday 9/15 in class)

**Resources:**


**Week 3: The Rise of the Market (9/20 & 9/22)**

Alongside the diversity of state and non-state actors within the development world, for-profit, market-based solutions (and institutions) are increasingly exerting a strong presence. This week we will explore the rise of social entrepreneurship, conditional cash transfers (CCTs), corporate social responsibility (CSR), and the existence of for-profit government contractors. Through an analysis of Unilever’s work in rural India, we will question what impact the motivation of an organization has on the impact and implementation of development projects.

**Readings:**

2. Also Skim


**Case:** Unilever in India, Hindustan Lever’s Project Shakti--Marketing FMCG to the Rural Consumer. Harvard Business School case.

**Assignment:** Idea brief for Op-Ed (Due Tuesday 9/20 in class)

**Resources**
6. If you want to read more about cash transfers, the following blog articles provide background:
   - http://freakonomics.com/2013/06/04/should-we-all-just-give-cash-directly-to-the-poor/
Part II: Institutions, Organizations, & Management Perspectives on Development Work

Week 4: Accountability, Power, and Participatory Development (9/27 & 9/29)
This week we begin to interrogate where the ideas informing development work come from. To whom are development organizations accountable and who do they represent? We will use the concept stakeholder analysis to introduce the different levels of interest or investment in the organization’s work various actors have, as well as their power over the organization, vis-à-vis the organization’s resource dependence upon that particular stakeholder. We will map where donors, staff, and clients/beneficiaries fall within this exercise and then discuss how this dovetails with conversation and rhetoric around participatory development.

Readings

Conceptual Tools

Accountability Relationships in Global Development
4. “Participatory” and “Community-Driven” Development: Skim through these two:
   b. VSO, Participatory Approaches: A Facilitator’s Guide. If you haven’t had any exposure to participatory methods or techniques before, take a look at the VSO toolkit posted to the course webpage, especially the last section, which describes some of the techniques.
   c. Choose one of the following:

Assignment: Op-Ed First Draft (Due Tuesday 9/27 in class, hard copy to peer reviewer)

Resources


Week 5: Culture and Organizational Change (10/4 & 10/6)

Cultural perspectives serve as a broad theoretical and methodological lens that focuses on collective meaning systems and shared values at multiple levels of analysis – group, organization, occupation, and industry/field. This week we will study how culture is socially and jointly constructed and forms the basis for shared assumptions about reality (Berger & Luckmann, 1966), often examined with interpretive and ethnographic methods (e.g., Barley 1983, Van Maanen 1979). Cultural materials are increasingly understood as a pragmatic resource that individuals and organizations can consciously deploy (Weber and Dacin 2011), such as a “cultural toolkits” (Swidler 1986), which signals both an understanding of cultural pluralism and a degree of agentic choice and strategy in using culture.
The study of global development involves a great deal of focus on global, societal, and community change, increasingly guided by formal “Theories of Change.” In addition, all development organizations will change over time, either because of a shift in mission or threats from the external environment. Some also argue that these organizations, by their very nature, should be temporally temporary, adapting as the missions they aim to pursue are achieved.

What are the elements of organizational culture and how do they influence capacity to undergo healthy and sustainable change? What are lessons we can learn from organizations that have been able to successfully engineer new cultures or missions? What is the role of internal change agents within institutions?

Readings
2. Pick one of these videos: Kathleen Enright (2014 & 2015) The First Step: Understanding the Origins of Culture; What’s Love got to do with it; Culture can help align values interview

Case: No case this week. We will use our Thursday class to engage in our first peer feedback workshop on the Op-Ed assignment.

Assignment: Feedback for Peer on Op-Ed (Due Thursday 10/6 in class, hard copy to peer)

Resources

Week 6: Inter-organizational Relationships: Networks, Collaboration, and Partnerships (10/11 & 10/13)
Multiple organizational actors are involved in global development efforts. There is a rising organizational presence in humanitarian response across borders, and numerous organizational players in the current landscape: official foreign assistance from governments, bi-lateral and multi-lateral organizations, as well as funding from corporations and foundations is “implemented” through “partnerships” both within a range of public agencies. This week we will analyze the inter-organizational relationships that create this web of direction and implementation, with an eye to power differentials across the map.

Conceptual Readings
3. Matt Koschmann video on collaboration: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iN_A7keXtVg

From the following articles, pick on to read for an example of a network/collaboration:


Assignments:

- **Tuesday:** Map the aid flows for the country/region or policy area that you are studying. Where are the primary sources? Who are the primary recipients? How extensive is the web of intermediaries and networks in between? If you need assistance in seeking resources, start with [http://aiddata.org/](http://aiddata.org/). (No need to turn in a hard copy to instructor, but use it for your organizational analysis within your group.)
- **Thursday:** Case Analysis Memo (Due 10/13 via Moodle and in hard copy by class to instructor)

Resources


**Week 7: Non-Organizational Actors, Social Media, and Social Movements (10/18 & 10/20)**

Global development work has not always been undertaken by formal organizations. In fact, the organizational response to global poverty is relatively recent, expanding after the second World War. Dating back to antiquity, individuals ranging from tourists to missionaries have undertaken their own projects and programs in an effort to help others less fortunate. This continues to constitute a good portion of the responses to global poverty. Moreover, given the rise of social media and online campaigns, social movements and global development work are increasingly occurring in multiple informal ways that pose alternatives and challenges to traditional development work. We will examine some of those this week.

Readings


Social Media


Social Movements

5. Lucy Earle (2004). Social Movements and NGOs: A Preliminary Investigation

Visiting Speakers: This Thursday we will have two visiting speakers. I will circulate bios before class. Please come prepared with one question for each speaker.

Assignment: Op-Ed 2nd draft (Due Tuesday 10/18 in class to instructor and via Moodle)

Resources


Week 8: Environmental Mapping Presentations (10/25 & 10/27)
(No Class. Record Presentations for Submission.)

Assignment: Environmental Mapping Student Presentations (Due Friday 10/28 by 9am via FlipChart on Moodle to instructor).
Part III: Going Inside Organizations

Despite the increasing use of technology to complete tasks that were formerly done by humans, people are still needed to do the work of aid organizations. In this section of the course, we study those people, with attention to two different perspectives. First, we examine the HRM (human resource management) perspective, in which the organizational leadership views employees as one of the necessary resources to accomplish their objectives, focusing explicitly on managing performance and the impact of diversity. Second, we will examine employees from their own perspective, as people whose work constitutes one of multiple settings in which they live out their lives. Here we will focus on how people's non-work lives influence their work life, and vice versa, with explicit attention to how this influences motivation, wellbeing, and gender dynamics.

Week 9: The Structure of Work (11/1 & 11/3)

Readings

1. What does aid work look like?

2. What are the roles?

3. Professionalization. Skim all and read one:
c. Robert Chambers, Chapter 3, “Professional Realities” pp. 33-55 and Chapter 10, “Putting the First Last” (just pp. 228-237) in Whose Reality Counts?

Visiting Speakers: This Thursday we will have two visiting speakers. I will circulate bios before class. Please come prepared with one question for each speaker.

Week 10: Organizational Perspectives on Workers: Workers as a Human Resource (11/8 & 11/10)

What knowledge and skills are needed in order to do this work? Who holds those skills and how do they develop them? Human resource management is a sub-sector of management that studies how to best maximize upon workers, as an organizational resource. This week we will explore some of these frameworks to examine how global development organizations are changing their employment strategy with increased outsourcing and the use of contract-based labor. We will study the use of volunteers or interns, the conversation around the use of country nationals versus expatriates, and dovetailing issues of compensation and motivation. Finally, we will also explore how workers’ variable location(s) in terms of interest and power within the stakeholder map influences the work of the organization.

Readings
**Case:** Cirque du Soleil. HBS Case

**Resources**

**Week 11: Individuals Perspectives on Workers: Workers as People (11/15 & 11/17)**

At the same time that organizations view their employees or staff as a resource, workers are people who have lives outside the organization. This week we will explore work-life integration issues, both for the impact that they have on workforce wellness and staff burnout, as well as the rebounding impact that workforce health has on the delicate and difficult work that development organizations do with some of the world’s most vulnerable people.

**Readings**

**Work Motivation**

**Non-Work Life**

**Visiting Speakers:** This Thursday we will have two visiting speakers. I will circulate bios before class. Please come prepared with one question for each speaker.

**Assignment:** Op-Ed 3rd draft (Due Tuesday 11/15 in class to peer reviewer)

**Resources**

**Week 12: Thanksgiving (11/22 & 11/24)**
No Class. Enjoy time with family and/or friends!
Part IV: Current Management Topics
Funding and Evaluating Development Work

Week 13: Chasing the Dollars: Funding International Development Work (11/29 & 12/1)

This week we will discuss the core need for any organization – material resources. How do aid organizations keep their projects going, their salaries flowing, and the programs running? First, we will discuss some of the core ways in which the modern system of funding aid work – contracts and grants – structures most organizations’ work in terms of discrete projects. The book by Monika Krause dives into the intricacies of the decision-making process at NGOs and argues that the main focus of aid work is to produce projects. She claims that organizations sell projects to key institutional donors, and in the process the project and its beneficiaries become commodities. We will then review the nuts and bolts of how this grant/contract seeking/making process works, examining how it plays out with both private foundation funding (more often “grants”) as well as through official state aid (more often “contracts”). Thursday, we will have a guest lecture from Stephanie Jacobs, Executive Director of the Public and Nonprofit Leadership Center, who teaches a course at Humphrey on grantwriting.

On Tuesday, you should meet with your peer review partner to discuss each other's feedback, as well as sharing external reviews and brainstorming ways to integrate them into revised versions of your Op-Ed. (Note, you may meet in the classroom or find an alternative location for this meeting.)

Readings
2. Davis (2005) Writing a Successful Grant Proposal
3. Private Foundation Funding
4. USAID grant and contract process. Two pieces:
5. Guide to International Development Project Bidding from Canada and W. Europe. Familiarize yourself with these documents:
Assignment: Feedback for Peer on Op-Ed (Due Tuesday 11/29 in class, hard copy to peer)

Week 14: Accounting and Accountability: The Role of Data in International Development (12/6 & 12/8)

Throughout this course, we have discussed power and accountability, interorganizational relationships, and the intricacies of funding across the multiple players that enact international aid work. Therefore, we are quite familiar with the fact that stakeholders demands and desires may be complementary or conflicting. In this final week of the course, we will examine how development organizations demonstrate success towards the accountability goals that stakeholders deem important. We will specifically analyze how organizational effectiveness is differently defined by various stakeholders, and the diverse and dominant approaches to measuring that performance with various forms of monitoring and evaluation data.

Class Goals:

- Understand the basic definition of a project and the project cycle model; assess various critiques of the model
- Examine various models of partnership, their power dynamics and their appropriateness for different situations

Readings
http://ssir.org/articles/entry/measuring_impact_isnt_for_everyone

Assignment: Final Op-Ed written assignment & Op-Ed Oral Briefing (Due Thursday 12/8 in class to instructor and via Moodle)

Resources
3. Review Chambers, Chapter 3 on Logframes from Class One.
6. BOND Guidance Notes Series 1 Beginner’s Guide to Logical Framework Analysis
7. Sample log frames: Community Forest Program, Vietnam; Internally Displaced Persons

**Week 15: Final Week (12/13)**

Wrap Up and Final Lunch

**Final Assignments:**
- Reflective Essay #2 (Due Tuesday 12/13 in class to instructor and via Moodle)
- Management Memo (Due Friday 12/16, 5pm, via Moodle)