



INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK
ETHICS, EQUITY, AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

& Land Affirmation & Statement of Solidarity

As many of us are settlers on the land we are currently calling home, it is our collective responsibility to pay respect to and recognize that many of us are living on the traditional, unceded, unsundered territory of the various Indigenous nations that came before us. While we are all currently situated in different regions, we would like to recognize that the University of Ottawa campus lies on the land of the Algonquin/Anishnaabeg peoples. This land was taken and is being kept through non-consensual means, including, but not limited to, the actions of law enforcement.

As we explore the topics of ethics, equity and emergency response, we must acknowledge that Indigenous peoples in Canada continue to face systemic inequity as a result of ongoing colonial legacies. Let us reflect on this as we engage in critical discussions and take meaningful action, during IDW and beyond.

In light of recent events that have once more exposed deep-seated anti-Black racism in our society, we stand in solidarity with our Black community. The IDW community is committed to continually challenging existing systems of anti-Black oppression.

IDW seeks to create a space to explore the humanitarian and ethical dimensions of injustice in our contemporary world. IDW 2021 serves as an opportunity for students to extend their studies beyond the classroom, be open to new perspectives and continue to learn and unlearn to combat systemic issues. As such, we urge our community to act as activists and allies.

We stand forever in solidarity with our Black and Indigenous communities, and demand justice for them always.

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to International Development Week 2021! Our planning committee has been working hard over the past several months to bring you this unique virtual experience.

Our conference theme this year is Ethics, Equity and Emergency Response. While ethical considerations have always been important in international development, recently, we have been urged to take a closer look at the ethical dimensions of mainstream development and have also come to understand the importance of equity in international development. Keeping in mind current worldwide efforts to respond to COVID-19, discussions at IDW 2021 will examine the ways in which various international actors have responded to the crisis.

International development and global studies is a complex and ever-changing field. In working to understand and overcome complex global challenges, we must continuously focus on amplifying voices that are marginalized and learning about the unique challenges that they face as well as recognize the resilience and power of those mitigating challenges from grassroots.

We understand that international development affects everyone - this is a guiding principle for our conference. For this reason, this conference is open to students from all faculties, all post-secondary institutions, and anyone interested in international development. It is our goal to foster critical discussions, create spaces for lasting connections, and empower you to put your ideas into action.

We are passionate about applying a critical lens to international development discourse and creating spaces where professionals and students alike can share their thoughts and experiences. Above all, we are excited about the role that you, our delegates, can play in the field of international development. Throughout this year's panels, workshops, keynotes, networking and discussions, we hope you learn, share, and grow.

Although we are unable to meet in person this year, we want to stay just as connected. In fact, our virtual format provides new opportunities for connectivity among a more diverse group of delegates. We hope to use this connectivity to continue the conversations started at IDW and make way for post-conference initiatives that will allow our international development studies community to stay in touch after the conference.

We hope that you enjoy IDW 2021 and that you are able to take advantage of this experience. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us before, during, or after the event if you have questions or comments - we are always excited to hear feedback from delegates!

*Best regards,
Your International Development Week Planning Committee*

A LETTER FROM SIDGS

The School of International Development and Global Studies (SIDGS) at the University of Ottawa is proud to support International Development Week (IDW) 2021 and the hard work of the outstanding student-run IDW organizing committee. The social isolation caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic has made the need for opportunities to come together (virtually) and share

knowledge on pressing global issues all that more significant. This year's IDW will play a crucial role in building community engagement during trying times of physical separation. The theme for the IDW 2021 virtual conference is 'Ethics, Equity, and Emergency Response', highlighting both long-standing and contemporary issues that require our urgent attention. We know that COVID-19 has reversed a decade of progress in improving the quality of life for the world's poorest populations (Minister Karina Gould, 2020). Addressing these 'lost gains' requires innovative solutions and creative approaches, drawing on the knowledge and expertise of diverse voices, particularly from youth.

IDW 2021 will focus on the themes of: The Rise of Youth: Youth Activism in Trying Times; Building Back Greener: Sustainability in Emergency Response; Equity in Development Practice; Global Health & Exacerbating Inequities in Times of Crisis; and Power & Positionality in Development Practice. Diverse speakers will share their insights on these topics to inspire new thinking on key issues in international development.

As ever, Professors and Senior Fellows from SIDGS (and other academic units) will play active roles in IDW 2021. So will many prominent researchers, policy-makers, activists and other professionals from government, the private sector, civil society organizations, and social movements.

The IDW 2021 Conference is also a unique opportunity for uOttawa students to engage directly with specialists and experts. We therefore encourage students from across the campus to make the most of this opportunity to enhance your understanding of global issues and to share your experiences and insights at this event. Student participants will also benefit from networking opportunities they will have to meet with representatives from leading organizations and with activists who can provide guidance for students as they consider future studies, civic engagement priorities and career goals.

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ABOUT IDW

IDW 2021 is a conversation on **ethics, equity, and emergency response.**

International Development Week is an annual event that brings together undergraduate and graduate students, faculty members, development practitioners, and civil society actors to foster innovative and critical discussions on contemporary issues.

A sub-committee of the Development Students Association organizes this week-long academic event in support of the national International Development Week run by Global Affairs Canada (GAC). This is our contribution to a national movement.

This year's IDW conference focuses on how the concepts of ethics, equity and emergency response connect with each other, but also more generally to development practice. More specifically, IDW 2021 will reflect on global current events, how public and private actors at different levels have responded, and how we as members of the global community can move forward to build a better, more equitable, and just world.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought the world as we know it to its knees in unforeseeable and unprecedented ways. This global health crisis has resulted in devastating health, social, and economic consequences. It has equally revealed age-old and sustained inequities in nearly every sphere of society, including the systemic oppression of Black people and the marginalization of Indigenous peoples. While global leaders, policy advisors, and civil society actors are looking to novel and innovative models of development, welfare, and emergency response, policy priorities in the near future will undoubtedly be driven by the desire for an economic boost. This outlook risks sidelining the needs of those who have been hardest hit by the crisis and forces us to ask: How do we, as development practitioners and members of a society, mitigate the risk of often tempting 'quick fixes' and commit to sustainable and equitable ways forward?

This theme will allow delegates the opportunity to learn about and engage with contemporary social justice issues, as well as explore calls to action and how they may play a role in actively working to combat systemic inequity.

Our student-run conference features a series of events, panels and workshops where delegates have the opportunity to learn about development issues and sustainable approaches to development from leading professionals in the field. Our conference is open to students from all faculties and is accessible to students from any academic institution, aiming to extend delegates' learning beyond the classroom. By equipping students with valuable knowledge on complex development issues and a professional network, we hope to empower them to put their ideas into action.



**INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
WEEK**

THE 13TH YEAR

SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 1 - 11



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

EQUITY X DESIGN : A STUDY OF CREATIVE CULTURE
6:00-8:00pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

**INCLUDING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE, VOICES AND
PERSPECTIVES IN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE**
5:00-6:30pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**WHAT COMES NEXT: LOOKING FOR JUSTICE IN A
POST-COVID ERA**
5:00-6:30pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**NETWORKING NIGHT: THE FUTURE OF
DEVELOPMENT**
6:00-7:45pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

CONFERENCE DAY
8:30am-9:30pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

AN EVENING WITH MICHAËLLE JEAN
5:00-6:30pm

Pre-Conference

EquityXDesign

Our worlds are loaded with visual queues that inform our perceptions, actions, and internalized biases. Through a series of works by our creators, this year's gallery night seeks to explore the connection between ethics, social movements, and creative culture. What do we mean by creative culture? In its broadest form, we are looking to engage with acts of daily creativity. Since this is a gallery night, this will mostly be through artistic media, but our goal is to explore daily creativity and innovations that drive social change. Join us for the premiere of our video-gallery, which will feature discussions from our keynotes for the night: Nathan Hall and Cara Tierney. The premier will be followed by a discussion with our creators.

Visit our Virtual Gallery and Gallery Catalogs for more on our creators and their stories.

MONDAY - 6:00PM

Including Indigenous Knowledge, Voices and Perspectives in Development Practice

TUESDAY - 5:00PM

In recent years, there has been greater consideration given to learning and applying Indigenous knowledge in the practice of development, however, there remains much more to be done. In a diverse panel including representatives from the United Nations, academia, and civil society, this panel discussion will highlight how we, as practitioners of international development, can better understand and work with Indigenous communities and leaders to ensure their knowledge and perspectives are heard, incorporated, and elevated in our practices.

What Comes Next: Looking for Justice in a Post-COVID Era

COVID-19 has exacerbated inequalities, on both the global and local scale. "Build back better" has gone from a mantra of equality to a buzzword. How do we move past buzzwords to more restorative understandings of justice? This panel will explore what activists want to see happen in their communities in a post-pandemic world, and what they think a "just" recovery could look like.

THURSDAY - 5:00PM

KEYNOTES

ENGLISH CATALOG

Khalil Shariff has served as CEO of Aga Khan Foundation Canada since 2005. He was previously with the Toronto office of McKinsey & Company, where he advised governments, financial institutions, and health care providers on strategy, organization, and operational improvement. He has also served in a variety of research and policy capacities with the Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations. He currently sits on the Boards of the Global Centre for Pluralism, the Rideau Hall Foundation, and the Institute for Canadian Citizenship. He holds a BA from the University of British Columbia and a JD from the Harvard Law School.

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AGA KHAN FOUNDATION CANADA CEO **KHALIL SHARIFF**

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Savera Hayat is an international development practitioner, curator of partnerships, and a poet who lives in Calgary, AB. Prior to starting her own management practice in the Fall of 2020, she was the Director for Programs and International Development Unit at University of Calgary's international office. With an M.Sc. in Development Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science, Savera's work has included: peace and security, education, employment, entrepreneurship, governance and global health. Working for USAID, International Youth Foundation (USA), World Bank, Social Research and Demonstration Corporation (Canada), Aga Khan University, University of Calgary, CANADEM and Cowater International, Savera has led development and implementation of a number of multi-disciplinary projects.

SAVERA HAYAT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE **MICHAËLLE JEAN**

Michaëlle Jean is the 27th Governor General, Commander-in-Chief of Canada, sworn in September 27, 2005, for a five-year mandate. As soon as the mandate ended, on October 1st, 2010, the United Nations immediately called on her to become UNESCO Special Envoy to support reconstruction efforts in Haiti. From 2011 to 2014, Michaëlle Jean also served as Chancellor of the University of Ottawa, where her offices as UNESCO Special Envoy were hosted. On November 30, 2014, Michaëlle Jean then became the 3rd Secretary General of La Francophonie at the 15th Summit of Heads of State and Government held in Dakar, a position to which she devoted her whole energies from January 5, 2015, to January 3, 2019.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK 2021

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Day One

6:00-7:45PM

The Future of Development

Join us at our first-ever virtual networking night to kick off the conference weekend. Featuring Mr. Khalil Shariff, CEO of Aga Khan Foundation Canada, delegates will join international development professionals from the private and public sectors to explore the future of development. The keynote address will be followed by rounds of 'speed-networking' where delegates and professionals will be able to interact and share their thoughts and experiences.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Day Two

8:30-9:45AM

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Closing Event

8:30-9:30PM

Delegate Social

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Day Three

5:00-6:30PM

An Evening with The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean

In our first-ever post-conference event, join us in a dialogue with The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, former Governor General of Canada, to explore how we can rethink development as a field that genuinely values partnership and reciprocity. In an interactive session, Madame Jean will share her experiences and thoughts on how we may move forward in a just and equitable manner by rethinking cooperation in development. Delegates will have the opportunity to engage in a Q&A period with Madame Jean after her presentation.

PLENARY

8:30-9:45AM EST

PANDEMICS KNOW NO BORDERS, NEITHER SHOULD COMPASSION (EN/FR)

This year's plenary, co-developed by OXFAM Canada, will explore the ways in which emergencies exacerbate existing gender inequities around the globe. The discussion will focus on how crises such as COVID-19 have disproportionately impacted womxn, and highlight the significant roles that womxn continue to play in emergency responses. The speakers will draw on their own experiences working with programs, policies, and womxn-led organizations for an engaging discussion on gender and equity in uncertain times. Grab your morning cup of coffee and join us for this interactive plenary session to start off the conference day. Panelists include professionals from Oxfam International and its local implementing partners in the Philippines and Mozambique: Amanda Gomm, Mayssam Zaaroura, and Xaria Wong, Ana Caspe, and Estella Alcalde.

FIRST PANELS 10:00-10:55AM EST

A FROM AID TO DEVELOPMENT: COLLABORATION IN TIMES OF CRISIS (FR)

This panel seeks to understand the link between humanitarian aid and development practice in times of crisis, by examining the strengths and challenges associated with the humanitarian-development continuum. The panel will explore current humanitarian crises such as the coronavirus pandemic and how development plays a key role in sustainably managing, mitigating, and preventing future emergencies.

Panelists include Hunter McGill, Julien Pelletier and Morgane Rosier, University of Ottawa; Florent Pinto, Canadian Red Cross; and Ramzi Saliba, CARE Canada.

B BUILDING BACK GREENER: SUSTAINABILITY IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE (EN)

Emergencies and their responses can place a burden on the natural environment, and thus, impede progress towards more sustainable communities, cities and countries. Likewise, emergencies can exacerbate the inequities faced by certain demographics, particularly with regards to the environment. Through an intersectional lens, this panel aims to analyze the significance of environmental sustainability in emergency responses, such as that of the coronavirus pandemic.

Panelists include York University researcher Yvonne Su; Paul Johannis, Greenspace Alliance; and youth climate activists Sofia Somani-Slater and Mary Stuart.

C MENTAL HEALTH AND EMERGENCIES: A DIALOGUE (EN/FR)

Despite being severe, the impacts of emergencies on mental health are too often neglected. Engaging in a raw dialogue, this panel will explore the various ways in which mental health is affected during crisis and will discuss how to collectively prioritize mental wellbeing during uncertain times. This panel will focus on the mental health of marginalized groups in society during emergencies, and examine the systemic barriers and opportunities they face.

D PRIORITIZING GLOBAL HEALTH AMIDST DEEPENING INEQUITY (EN/FR)

When government leaders think of restart after emergency situations, they face certain tradeoffs. In the current public health crisis, we have witnessed world leaders make decisions to prioritize the economy over health or vice versa. Often, and in the case of the current crisis, this has left vast health inequities exposed and exacerbated. This panel employs a global health perspective to discuss how governments and civil society can conceptualize restart in a way that appropriately balances health and economy in a post-COVID-19 era, while addressing health inequities in a sustainable manner.

Panelists include Sunny Jiao, UBC EQUIP Healthcare; Raywat Deonandan, UOttawa Faculty of Health Sciences; Christina Muia, TakingITGlobal; and Anjum Sultana, Progress Toronto.

SECOND PANELS

11:30-12:25PM

A POWER AND POSITIONALITY IN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE (FR)

The motto of the United Nations Development Programme is "Leave no one behind", yet deep-rooted systemic inequalities and discrimination create barriers to achieving this objective in development practice. This panel aims to peel back the layers of power gradients, positionality, identity and intersectionality in the field of development, with a focus on the voices of those who are often left behind, including womxn and BIPOC communities. Looking forward, this panel will explore what remains to be done and how delegates can be involved in this progressive action.

Panelists include Pascasie Minani, University of Ottawa; Chlothilde Parent-Chartier, University of New Brunswick; and Calla Barnett, Canadian Centre for Gender & Sexual Diversity.

B NAVIGATING STORYTELLING AND FUNDING IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (EN)

As a funding-driven field, development narratives and discourse have immense impact for communities and global perception of development issues. This panel will examine development storytelling through a critical lens, by exploring concepts like saviourism and poverty porn, as well as the donation-driven implications for the way stories are told. The panel will further discuss novel ways of approaching development narratives that better capture agency and empowerment. Panelists will provide their thoughts on how we can play a part in forging a new story for development - one that is ethically sound and culturally accurate.

Panelists include Natasha Freidus, NeedsList; Salimatou Fatty, Salimatou Foundation for Education; Tracy Lavallee, Indigenous Services Canada.

C THE RISE OF YOUTH: YOUTH MOBILIZATION IN TRYING TIMES (EN)

Bringing together a number of youth change-makers, each with unique interests and experiences, this panel will highlight the importance of youth mobilization in times of crisis. While the development field can be daunting as a young person, these panelists will explore the mindsets and strategies that helped them transform personal and peer momentum into movements for social justice and substantial action. Amid uncertain times, youth panelists will share advice on how to take hold of the pen and ensure that the forthcoming chapters of development are more ethical, equitable and sustainable.

Panelists include Ziyaan Virji For The Menstruator, online activist Mikala Messam, Nancy Mitchell UN Women, Anjana Balachandran Canada's Coalition for Youth, Peace and Security, and Erin Knight, FRYE Canada.

D SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION AS TOOLS FOR EQUITABLE SOCIETIES (EN/FR)

Social entrepreneurship and innovation are at the core of international development, as it takes unconventional ideas to create unprecedented change. This panel will explore the power of mobilizing social entrepreneurship and innovation as a tool for fostering more equitable and inclusive societies. Further, the panel will analyze the link between innovation and development, recognizing that social entrepreneurship has the power to empower individuals and communities on a global scale.

Panelists include Midia Shikh Hassan, Dextra Innovation; Moana Hamilton-Neville, LIFT; Nika Moieni, The Positivity Boss; Kim Korton UnCo and Athena Asklipiadis, Mixed Marrow.

WORKSHOP ONE

1:30-2:25PM

A GLOBAL EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN AN INCREASINGLY PROTECTIONIST WORLD (FR)

This workshop will consider the link between employability skills and global impact, and provide opportunities for delegates to share and learn from each others' lived experience. The session will provide actionable options for delegates to continue to engage in global experiential learning, even in a virtual work environment.

B ALLYSHIP + COMPLEXITY THEORY = BETTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE (EN/FR)

Led by Ally Squared, this workshop will look at emergency response through two lenses: Allyship and Complexity Theory. Their paths intersect in ways that can offer a more holistic approach to emergency situations and responses. While allyship tells us to focus on the human-and-impact-centredness of emergency situations, Complexity theory informs us that through an iterative process, communities can be empowered to self-organize and develop solutions for their most critical issues.

C POWER-TRIPPING IN POLICY: DEBUNKING MYTHS IN POLICY ENGAGEMENT (EN)

As we prepare for a post-COVID-19 era, it is critical that youth voices are at the centre of policymaking in various areas, including climate, health and economic development. Yet youth often find it difficult to break into and engage in these policy spaces and to be meaningfully included throughout the decision-making process. Facilitated by the Ontario Council for International Cooperation Youth Policy-Makers Hub, this workshop will discuss youth involvement in policy and critically engage with proposed policy for COVID-19 recovery in various sectors.

D THE NEW AGE OF DEVELOPMENT (EN)

Facilitated by World Vision Ottawa's Youth Council, this workshop will explore the following: How are donor countries held accountable to standards of development assistance that account for and provide against tactics that purport practices of white saviourism entrenched in racist ideology? This interactive session will connect professional work experience with the knowledge of university students to foster productive dialogue on strategies that can be adopted to foster better relationships between donor and recipient countries with regards to development assistance. Workshop leaders will work with delegates to identify how steps may be taken to be proactive against causal factors that lead to racist ideologies within the development sector.

WORKSHOP TWO

2:50-3:45PM

A MEET THE UN AGENDA ON YOUTH, PEACE AND SECURITY (FR)

WHAT IS IT? WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Learn about the United Nations' Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) agenda adopted in 2015 by the Security Council. What is it, why does it matter and how do we engage in it? Join us as we explore how Canadian youth can meaningfully participate in peace & security at home and abroad.

B POLITICAL COOPERATION, REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS (EN)

Emergency situations heavily affect marginalized groups such as refugees. This workshop will highlight the multidimensional impacts emergencies have on refugees and migrants. Furthermore, the workshop will highlight the importance of political cooperation in ensuring the human rights of refugees and migrants are preserved.

C GENDER AND CLIMATE: BUILDING A TOOLKIT FOR FEMINIST ACTION (EN)

Attend this workshop to gain a special preview into the not-yet-released Oxfam Canada Climate and Gender Toolkit. In this workshop you'll learn about the importance of addressing gender and intersectional considerations in designing and implementing effective climate actions, identifying and considering gaps/opportunities within your existing climate work. We'll also introduce gender-based analysis as a tool for informing the design and implementation of climate initiatives with the aim of improving outcomes for those who are disproportionately impacted by climate change. This is an interactive session where you will also have an opportunity to offer your input and feedback, adding your voice to this body of work before it's finalized. To address the gendered impacts of climate change, we need gender-responsive solutions and actions – and people who can champion them (that's you!).

D LIFE AFTER GRAD (EN/FR)

Are you an international development student beginning to think about what opportunities are available to you after graduation? A degree in international development opens up many opportunities, but it can be daunting to determine which of the many routes are most suitable for you. This interactive discussion will feature speakers currently working in a wide array of sectors who will share their experiences after graduation as well as some tips and tricks on how you too can maneuver your way through the professional world.

CLOSING EVENT

7:00-8:30PM

To conclude the conference day and the events held throughout the week, our closing event will feature keynote Savera Hayat, a cinematic look back at our virtual events throughout the week, and closing remarks from the organizing committee. Join the IDW community in reflecting on valuable discussions had and connections made throughout the week, as we look forward to continuing the conversation.

DELEGATE SOCIAL 8:30-9:30PM

Grab a snack and join us at the Delegate Social to conclude this year's first ever virtual International Development Week conference! This Delegate Social will be filled with trivia games, mingling with fellow delegates, and a chance to win prizes. After a day of insightful discussions, come enjoy our socially distant Delegate Social!

CONFERENCE FORMAT

Due to COVID-19 and associated public health guidelines, this year's conference will be taking on a web-based format. Although we will miss seeing everyone in person, we are excited to have everyone virtually come together for panels, workshops, discussion forums, and other sessions. We are so excited for you to participate in the various events we have planned and cannot wait to share this experience with you! Stay safe!

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