

# GLOBAL SOCIAL INNOVATION

**DEGREE MODULES AVAILABLE:** Honors Specialization, Specialization, Major, Minor, and Dual Degree with HBA Ivey Business School

Our program in Global Social Innovation focuses on critical analysis of the dominant forces of globalization, mobility, integration, and change, from the vantage point of human life. Students learn how communities respond to globalization through social innovation, and they learn how they may participate collaboratively in these practices of improvisational social change. In the core courses in the Global Social Innovation streams, students learn to distinguish prevailing theories about how globalization works, learn about the social, environmental, and political entailments of capitalism, and consider alternative social, political, and economic formations. Supplementary courses explore the emergence of resistance movements, localized alternatives to globalization, the impacts of mass production and consumption, the place of community in a globalized world, and more.

## **THE GLOBAL SOCIAL INNOVATION PROGRAM EXAMINES SUCH ISSUES AS:**

- Global capitalist production in social formations
- Responses of Indigenous peoples to global dispossession of land
- Mobilisation of critical global social resistances
- Non-hegemonic economic forms
- Food systems, agriculture and global capitalism
- The ungovernability of life
- Human migration
- Decoloniality and decolonization
- Community

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## **SEYNABOU GAYE**

Global Development Studies '17

*“Today, I can say that the Centre has helped me develop strong values I hold dearly. From respecting the environment to applying an intersectional and anti-oppressive lens in life. The Centre sparked my curiosity and interest in sustainability and climate change, and forced migration, which have shaped my career path to date.”*

## **SAMPLE CORE COURSES IN: GLOBAL SOCIAL INNOVATION**

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### **CGS 1022: INTRODUCTION TO GLOBALIZATION**

This course offers an interdisciplinary introduction to the dominant material and cultural trends under the conditions of economic globalization. Key topics are labour in the global economy, the globalization of the capitalist mode of production, transnational resource flows, responses to inequality, and resistance.

### **CGS 2004: CRITIQUE OF CAPITALISM**

This course explores the socio-economic form of 'capitalism', and examines the development and spread of the key features of capitalist social organization—the division of labour, private property, and primitive accumulation, and examines their functioning in a rapidly globalizing world.

### **CGS 3001: COLLABORATIVE AND PARTICIPATORY METHODS**

This course examines the work of formulating and collaborating in community-based projects. Students learn to recognize and respond to ethical, socio-political, institutional, and epistemological dimensions of collaboration, participation and research practice in contexts characterized by forms of inequality. Students prepare a research proposal, funding application and ethics review.

### **CGS 3513: NON-HEGEMONIC ECONOMIC FORMS AND GLOBAL CAPITALISM**

An examination of the function and socio-political outcomes of informal, subsistence, land-based and other allied economies in the context of global capitalism. Themes include the production of community-based economic autonomy, localization, place-making and alternative economic development.

### **CGS 3514: GLOBAL RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS**

An examination of the political, social, and cultural foundations of resistance movements that claim a transnational, global or international scale. Cases may include: anti-globalization, environmentalism, Indigenous People's rights, women's rights, human rights, Fair Trade, and alternative trade organizations.

### **CGS 3517: DECOLONIALITY**

This course explores decoloniality as a practical and analytical orientation to confrontations with the entrenched injustices identified with coloniality. The course considers decoloniality through characteristic projects, practices and globalized movements to decolonize knowledge, livelihoods, politics and community.

### **CGS 3527: GLOBALIZED CAPITALIST AGRICULTURE**

An examination of the deployment and consumption of labour, natural resources, manufactured inputs, and transportation regimes in the production of agricultural products. This course examines each of these broad themes as it is shaped by and produces capitalist social, political, and material relations.

