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ONLINE PROGRAM

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Development Studies
Online Program

Development, as a concept, has often been understood as a process that offers contradictory outcomes for countries in the Global South. As a rapidly developing nation, India faces multifaceted challenges requiring innovative and interdisciplinary solutions. For example, even as the last decade has seen a steady increase in GDP and educational attainment in India, youth unemployment has also increased, a phenomenon that some call jobless growth. As countries in the Global South strive for GDP growth and development, their people, particularly those from poor and marginalised communities, are becoming even more vulnerable to the climate crisis that results from unbridled growth. The MSc in Development Studies at IDEAS aims to equip students with theoretical knowledge, fieldwork experiences, and practical skills to examine and address these difficult challenges.

By focusing on a combination of theory, skills, experimental and real-world experiences, the programme prepares students to bridge the gap between societal need, policy design, and implementation while centring inclusion and people's well-being. Alongside addressing development challenges, ensuring our students' employability has been a principal factor in conceptualising the programme.

Catering to both working professionals and fresh graduates, the Development Studies programme is designed to include several skills and research-based courses that prepare students for successful careers in the development sector and beyond. Classes will be held in an online mode, enabling students to pursue the programme from any location, while managing their jobs or other commitments.

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keynote speaker

MR. AMARJEET SINHA

**Former IAS and Senior Fellow,
Centre for Social and Economic Progress**

Amarjeet Sinha is a Senior Fellow at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress, with over four decades of experience in public policy and governance. An IAS officer of the 1983 Bihar cadre, he retired in 2019 as Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Government of India, and later served as Advisor to the Prime Minister (till July 2021) and Member, Public Enterprises Selection Board (2022-24).

He played a pivotal role in designing landmark initiatives such as the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, National Rural Health Mission, and governance reforms across livelihoods, housing, skills, employment, and social security. He also led the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (2018), delivering seven key welfare interventions to over 63,000 villages.

A Rhodes Scholar and St. Stephen's College alumnus, Sinha has published eight books and numerous articles on public policy, poverty reduction, and human development. He has taught at leading institutions including the Indian School of Business, IRMA, and the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration.

He currently chairs the Gender Expert Committee of the RBI Innovation Hub, serves on boards of IIHMR, HelpAge India, and CSDS, and is involved in initiatives on education, health, nutrition, climate action, and livelihoods. He has also been a jury member for The Indian Express Governance Awards.

Invited Speakers



Panelist

DR. SANJOY ROY

**Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences & Head,
Department of Social Work, and
Director, Institute of Life Long Learning,
University of Delhi**

Prof. Sanjoy Roy, who has been advocating for 'Indigenous Social Work in India', is working as Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences & Head, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi.

Prof Roy is also Director of, Institute of Life Long learning(ILLL), University of Delhi since January 2023.

He has 4 years of working experience in development sector and in research and more than 20 years in teaching in University level. He has worked with government institution like All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS). Previously Prof. Roy has taught in different Universities in India as different capacities like as Associate Professor in Department of Social Work, University of Delhi, Associate Professor in Department of Social Work, Visva Bharati, West Bengal; as Reader in School of Social Work, IGNOU, New Delhi; as Assistant Professor in Assam University (Central), Silchar; as Assistant Professor in Delhi University on Ad-hoc basis; as Assistant Professor in C.S.J.M. University Kanpur.



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Invitation Letter

Invitation to the Official Launch of M.Sc. Development Studies (Online Program) by Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (I.D.E.A.S.), O.P. Jindal Global University, Taj Mahal Hotel, Mansingh Road, New Delhi

Warm greetings from Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (I.D.E.A.S.)!

It is our pleasure to invite you to the official program launch of the **M.Sc. Development Studies Online Program**, organised by the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (IDEAS). The event will take place on **8th October 2025 (Wednesday)** from **3:00 PM to 4:30 PM** at the **Jindal International Academy, Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi**.

This new, innovative program is designed to advance scholarship and leadership in sustainable development, social justice, and policy transformation across the Global South—fostering academic excellence, research rigour, and peer collaboration

The panel will feature distinguished speakers and experts, including:

- Keynote Address: **Mr. Amarjeet Sinha (IAS Retd.)**, Senior Fellow, Centre for Social and Economic Progress
- Panel Discussion: ***Advancing Sustainable Development and Social Justice in the Global South: Challenges and Pathways for Inclusive Growth***
- Panellists:
 - Prof. (Dr.) Sanjoy Roy, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi
 - Prof. (Dr.) Hebatallah Adam, Associate Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs, JGU
 - Prof. (Dr.) Seema Kazi, Centre for Women's Development Studies, University of Delhi

The event will provide a platform for meaningful dialogue on contemporary challenges and serve as an excellent opportunity to engage with peers in development studies.

Kindly RSVP to confirm attendance. For further details, please contact 8471802358/9884206990

We look forward to welcoming you to this significant occasion.