

# International Development

## Summer Course



27-30 june 2023  
4th edition

### Global Development on the edge

The Human Development Report 2021-2022 "Uncertain Times, Unsettled Lives: Shaping our Future in a Transforming World" reveals how a "new uncertainty complex is emerging never before seen in human history". Development challenges are increasingly multi-layered, volatile, complex, and ambiguous. Underpinning this "new uncertainty complex" are three grand features: the age of Anthropocene, with planet boundaries under strain and inequalities on the rise; the deepening of the technological change and its impact on the organization of livelihoods; and an increasing political and social polarization. If the global consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic and the Ukraine war are added to this scenario, it is legitimate to see 'Global Development on the Edge'. For the first time since it was launched, the global Human Development Index (HDI) value decreased for two years straight.

This is happening as the world witnesses what seems to be a growing global convergence, with the "rise of the South" challenging the old view of an international development arena divided between a rich North and a poor South. Debating global development should thus not be seen anymore as a North-South issue, but rather as an issue influencing all, regardless of where they might be living and working.

Two years after the last edition of the International Development Summer Course (IDSC), several of the questions brought to discussion are still unanswered, while new questions have emerged. To continue this conversation, the theme for the fourth edition of the IDSC 2023 is 'Global Development on the edge'. IDSC consists of a series of online sessions, open to a large audience, where all Development practitioners and partners are invited to attend and actively take part in the debate (Civil Society Organizations; Development Journalists; Development Researchers; decision makers and governmental institutions, private sector companies and associations and other relevant development actors). The discussions will be led by well-known international development thinkers and professionals.

#### Target Group:

- \_ NGDO and other CSOs Managers
- \_ Academy Researchers and MA students in Development Studies
- \_ Journalists
- \_ Corporate and Social Responsibility managers (private sector)
- \_ International Development decision makers

#### Opening:

- \_ General Hosting with Tiago Matos Fernandes
- \_ Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian
- \_ ISEG - CEsa/Oficina Global
- \_ Plataforma Portuguesa das ONGD
- \_ Instituto Pedro Pires

### 27th June / Day 1

10:00 - 13:00 GMT+1

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**Democracy and Development: Current Debates and Challenges**  
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### 28th June / Day 2

10:00 - 13:00 GMT+1

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**INGOs and Localization**  
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### 29th June / Day 3

10:00 - 13:00 GMT+1

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**Knowledge is power: innovation and development**  
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### 30th June / Day 4

10:00 - 13:00 GMT+1

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**Permacrisis: in an era of eternal crisis and environmental breakdown**  
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## Open sessions

Online Event. Mandatory registration.  
Portuguese-English simultaneous translation.