

MA Globalisation and Development Studies



MA GDS:

Who we are and
what we do



I am Dr Lauren Wagner

Programme Director,
MA GDS

- Researching in diasporic mobility
 - Diasporic tourism – returning ‘home’
 - Sociolinguistic belongings
- Teaching (geography/sociology):
 - Thesis trajectory: Research Methods (Qualitative), Research Seminar (Proposal)
 - Globalisation and Poverty
 - Transnational Migration



MA GDS Faculty



Prof. Mazzucato
Transnational Migration



Dr. Nauta
Korea in Africa



Dr. Haagsman
Transnational Migration



Dr. Wagner
Tourism & Urbanization



Dr. Fourie
East Asian Development Models



Dr. Dito
Transnational Migration



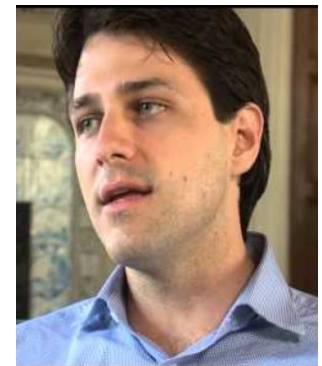
Dr. Pasveer
Global Health



Dr. Del Hierro
Global History



Dr. Zeiss
Science & Technology



Dr. Dixon
Sovereign Wealth Funds

MA GDS Cohort = globalization!



Kenya, Vietnam, Thailand, Ecuador, India, Pakistan Egypt, UK, USA, Netherlands, Belgium, Italy, France, Germany, Poland, Slovakia, etc.....



Maastricht University

Exploring Global Development

Agenda 2030

Sustainable Development Goals (Jan 2016)

What do
they mean
on the
ground?



Core Question

How do globalization dynamics affect people in the Global South?

- problems of inequality, poverty – from the ground up
- possibilities for transformation and emancipation



Mobilities



Technology

How local actors deal with global issues



Activism



Cooperation

Pursue your interests!

- (How) can Fair Trade grow, while maintaining transparency and a positive impact? Buyer-producer links in Fair Trade labelling
- NGO Capacity Strengthening in Practice: Gaps & Challenges and why they occur
- Exploring transnational house care networks: Towards a theoretical framework
- Do the Market-Based Approaches Exemplified by the Global Partnership for Oceans Constitute a Practice of 'Ocean Grabbing'?
- China's Circular Economy Approach on E-Waste: Working Towards Sustainable Solutions?
- Social movements and the state: the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) in South Africa and the Landless Workers' Movement (MST) in Brazil



MA GDS in brief

- One-year, selective, international and interdisciplinary MA programme,
- Taught in English,
- Multi- and inter-disciplinary skills and methods,
- An opportunity to **choose your path** the programme
 - through electives, allowing students to combine social science and humanities backgrounds with other academic disciplines,
 - through exam options, combining academic research with 'real world' experiences
- International character through staff, students, and close contacts with organizations and universities in the Global South
 - Leave **with strong critical research skills, ability to work with multicultural teams** and a **global knowledge base** that can be applied to many professional environments



MA GDS:

Teaching Curriculum / Research Focused



Main Characteristics of our Teaching

1. Interdisciplinary

- Social science; Anthropology; Political-Economy; History, etc.

2. Research embedded

- Staff are active researchers;
Possibilities to join current projects

3. Choices for students

- Electives; Exam options



Programme Layout

| Semester 1 | | | Semester 2 | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| Period 1 (8 weeks) | Period 2 (8 weeks) | Period 3 (4 weeks) | Period 4 (8 weeks) | Period 5 (8 weeks) | Period 6 (4 weeks) |
| GDS 4000 Theories and Histories of Globalisation and Development (6 ECTS) | GDS4001 Globalisation and Poverty: a Connected World (6 ECTS) | GDS4005 Research in Practice (6 ECTS) | Option A: Internship Thesis and Evaluation Report GDS4890 (21 ECTS) <i>and choose 1</i> | | GDS4902 Thesis Writing and Presenting (1 ECTS) |
| | | | GDS4006 Brokers and Translators in Development: a Focus on Civil Society (6 ECTS) | Thesis | |
| | | | GDS4010 East Asia as Site and Agent of Development and Globalisation (6 ECTS) | | |
| | | | GDS4008 Global Connections: Non-Eurocentric Historical Narratives (6 ECTS) | | |
| | | | Approved External Elective | | |
| | | | Option B: Desk Study Thesis GDS4802 (17 ECTS) <i>and choose 2</i> | | |
| | | | GDS4002 Research Methods in Globalisation and Development (6 ECTS) | GDS4003 Transnational Migrant Networks and Flows (6 ECTS) OR GDS4004 Science and Technology Studies (STS) for Development in a Global Context (6 ECTS) | |
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| Option C: Fieldwork Thesis GDS4801 (29 ECTS) | | | | | |



Core Courses – Semester 1

1. Theories and Histories of Globalization and Development
2. Research methods in Globalization and Development
3. Globalization and Poverty: a connected world
4. **CORE ELECTIVES**: reflecting internationally-recognized research at FASoS
 - a. Transnational Migrant Networks and Flows
or
 - b. STS for Development in a Global Context
5. Research Preparation Seminar

= a thorough theoretical, historical, thematic & methodological overview of the field

Speak to our Student
Ambassador **Valery**
@FasosValery
about her current courses



CORE ELECTIVE A:

Transnational Migration

- Transnational families:
 - Children, parents, caregivers
 - International adoptees
 - Children on the move
- Transnational networks in transit countries
- Life-cycles of migrant families (marriage, divorce, births)



How do migrants maintain connections to their loved ones across borders?

CORE ELECTIVE B:

Science & Technology Studies (STS) for Development

- Societies are shaped by science and technology; we live in “technological cultures”
- Technology can solve problems, but can also fail, or create new problems
- Crucial to development in Global North & South



How smoothly does technology ‘travel’ when it moves from place to place?



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Semester 2: Exploration

1. **Internship +**
1 electives,
or
2. **Desk Study**
+ 2 electives,
or
3. **Fieldwork**
no electives

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= *Academic theses with a link to the
Global South*



ELECTIVE CHOICES – Period 4



1. Brokers and Translators in Development: a focus on civil society
2. Global Connections: non-Eurocentric historical narratives
3. East Asia as Site and Agent of Development and globalization
4. Approved FASoS or UM External Electives

= the opportunity to choose your own focal themes and issues

| MA-programme | | Course |
|--------------|------------------------|--|
| | <i>FASoS electives</i> | |
| ES | EUS4006 | EU Foreign and Security Policy |
| ES | EUS4004 | EU External Economic Policies |
| ES | EUS4010 | The European Union and International Migration |
| | <i>UM electives</i> | |
| PPHD/TDL | GTD4206 | Law and Policy of WTO |
| IEEL/EALBS | IER4004 | Human Rights and Human Development |
| GH | MGH4011 | Health in Times of Crisis |



Examples of Thesis Topics

- Internship:
 - Goethe Institute, Dakar Senegal;
 - Institute of Migration, Finland;
 - European Women's Lobby, Brussels Belgium
- Desk study:
 - Community tourism in Brazil
 - Impact of Chinese currency trading
 - The Child in Development Cooperation
- Fieldwork:
 - Corruption in Cambodia
 - Fashion entrepreneurship in Ghana
 - Mobile phone usage with Syrian refugees
 - Female empowerment and climate crisis in Fiji

*Speak to our Alumni about their thesis experience –
Everyone is different*



Foundation -> Exploration

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What makes GDS in Maastricht special?

Thematically:

- Uniquely interdisciplinary faculty and university
- Focus on connections between Global North and Global South
- Issues studied from micro level perspectives

Methodologically:

- Problem-based, student centered
- Research-embedded
- Interfaculty cooperation

Staff & Students:

- Global character through staff, students, and close contacts with organizations and universities in the Global South
- In the heart of Europe.



Life after GDS?

Active Alumni Network:

- LinkedIn Group Globalisation & Development Studies

Main career paths:

- public, private, non-governmental institutes, organizations (national, EU, transnational);
- academic (PhD at FASoS' Graduate School or elsewhere)



MA GDS

How to join us



Requirements and deadlines

1. A bachelor degree in the social sciences or humanities, or similar academic field;
2. A high quality of performance in prior education;
3. A basis in globalization and development studies;
4. A basis in qualitative and quantitative social science research methods;
5. A keen motivation for studying issues of globalization and development;
6. Proficiency in reading, writing and speaking English.

Apply via [Studielink](#) and [My UM Portal](#) (see website for instructions)

Deadlines: - 1 May 2020 for non-EU citizens
 - 1 June 2020 for EU citizens

Not met? – 1-year Premaster GDS!

More info on GDS?

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