Content and Goals

The SA-GER CDR at the University of the Western Cape trains the next generation of executive elites in Master’s and PhD degree programmes related to Development Studies. Students of the centre are given the preparation needed to meet the specific economic, social and political challenges which will arise in the course of the region’s development processes.

The courses offered by the centre include seminars in economics and social sciences as well as public administration. All of these research-orientated degree programmes link the theoretical training with a strong empirical component. In terms of content, the degree programmes concentrate on case studies from the region. The programme content covers:

• Characteristics and causes of growth deficits and the unequal distribution of resources in developing countries
• Strategic approaches to reducing poverty
• Roles of various players in the development process
• Approaches to reforming areas of the domestic economy, foreign trade, and public administration (good governance, combatting corruption, and reform)
• Transformations of social and political systems
The Partners

University of the Western Cape, School of Government and Institute for Social Development
Both institutes at the University of the Western Cape are highly experienced partners in international cooperation. The research and teaching concentrates on land reform, on restructuring the agricultural sector, and on community-based natural resources management, plus social, economic and development policy.
www.uwc.ac.za/Faculties/EMS/ISD

Ruhr-University Bochum, Institute of Development Research and Development Policy (IEE)
The IEE is an interdisciplinary, central academic institution at Ruhr-University Bochum with regional focuses on sub-Saharan Africa and Central Asia. The IEE runs the interdisciplinary PhD programme in International Development Studies as well as the Master’s programme in Development Management in Bochum and Cape Town, respectively. The interdisciplinary degree programmes benefit directly from the close cooperation and collaboration in which the two universities have engaged for many years now. www.development-research.org

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