

Hi everyone,

It's my pleasure to welcome you to the 2022-2023 academic year! Whether you are a new or returning student, we are delighted you have chosen IDS at Dalhousie in pursuing your academic career. The IDS department is enthusiastic to be seeing some familiar faces and meeting new ones! We are looking forward to learning with you and from you.

If you are just starting in IDS, you will be engaging with the causes and consequences of global poverty, inequality, and social injustice. If you are a returning student, you appreciate that to meet these challenges equitably and sustainably, our vision must be both global and local. The IDS faculty and staff are proud of our reputation as one of Canada's top development studies programs and we are committed to maintaining standards of excellence, while also providing our students with the support and opportunities you need.

While COVID-19 is something we still have to consider, I'm confident it will be a great year. Your health, safety and wellbeing are of utmost importance to us and the university. As such, Fall 2022 will still have some COVID-19 requirements. The University sent out an email to everyone in the Dal community outlining that it is mandatory to wear masks in all classrooms and instructional spaces and that they are strongly recommended in libraries and learning commons, hallways, lobbies and elevators. Unless you are told otherwise, masking will be required at the in-person office hours of your IDS instructors. They are also required in the IDS departmental office. If you have forgotten a mask, one will be provided. Please socially distance from staff while in the office. If you are sick, please do not come to class or to the office.

We are looking forward to an exciting year, full of interesting events. Students bring vibrancy to our program and I encourage you to get involved in the numerous activities on offer in IDS, at Dalhousie, and in the Halifax community. If you want to get involved, you can join the IDS student society (IDEAS) or volunteer at a local organisation.

If you want to talk with me, I would be happy to meet. Please just email and we can arrange an in-person or virtual meeting.

I hope to see you soon,

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