

Welcome from the Chair

Hi everyone – it's my pleasure to welcome you to the International Development Studies department at Dalhousie University. After a year and a half of only seeing our students on the computer screen, we are all enthusiastic to be seeing some familiar faces and meeting new ones!

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. We are committed to maintaining standards of excellence, while also providing our students with the support and opportunities you need.

This year is going to be a different year – again – but I'm confident it will be a great year. Your health, safety and wellbeing are of utmost importance to us. As such, Fall 2021 will be a transitional semester. The IDS office will be open to help students in-person Monday to Friday 10am – 2pm. Siza (ids@dal.ca) and Nicole (idsgrad@dal.ca) will also be available outside these hours for virtual meetings. Your professors will be available in-person during their office hours.

We are asking ALL visitors to our office to please:

- Ensure only one visitor at a time.
- Wear a mask. If you have forgotten yours, one will be provided.
- Sanitise your hands before entering the office.
- Maintain a physical distance from staff while in 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.

I hope to see you soon,

Theresa Ulicki, Chair

We acknowledge that Dalhousie sits on the unceded traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq Wəlastəkwiyyik (Maliseet), and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.