I. Course Description
The course is an overview of the role of non-governmental agencies (NGOs) and development in Christian mission. It covers biblical, theological, historical, and current perspectives on the global trend toward integration of development and mission. The course also looks at the role of globalization in the spread of the gospel. It examines plans made by Christians to alleviate social problems. Case studies in Africa, Asia, and Latin America are studied to understand current issues.

II. Learning Objectives
1. Students will comprehend the biblical, theological, and historical, and current perspectives of the integration of development and mission.
2. Students will analyze the role of globalization in the spreading of the gospel.
3. Students will examine and assess the efforts of Christians to alleviate social problems.

III. Grading
1. Personal reflections on the books in the required readings. Students should keep a running journal of the summaries (Due on week 6 and week 12.) 30%
2. Paper (c. 20 pp. double-spaced with endnotes and bibliography as appropriate): This paper should look at a subject in the history of development and missions. (Paper topic approved by week 5. Paper due week 13.) 70%

Active participation in all aspects of the course and required readings is presumed.

IV. Required Texts

V. Major texts used in lectures and readings
1. Ahmed, Shamima and David M. Potter *NGOs in International Politics* (Kumarian Press, 2006).

**VI. Other recommended Texts**


**VII. Websites and Related Organizations**

- Class website – On CAMS. Most required readings, apart from course texts, will be made available online
- Center for the Study of Global Christianity: [www.globalchristianity.org](http://www.globalchristianity.org)
- Atlas of Global Christianity: [www.altasofglobalchristianity.org](http://www.altasofglobalchristianity.org)
- World Christian Database: [www.worldchristiandatabase.org](http://www.worldchristiandatabase.org)

**VIII. Schedule of Classes**

**Week 1 Introduction to the Course**
- Course syllabus
- Major themes of the course
- Course overview and methodology
- Changing the world in the context of global Christianity

**Week 2 Biblical and theological reflections on development**
- Biblical theology of the poor
- Evangelism and social action

Text Reading = 129 pp
Grant 11-50
Goudzwaard 15-58
Marshall 1-47

**Week 3 What is development?**
- Definitions
- Major critiques
Week 4  Reading Week: Christian attempts to end poverty

Text Reading = 149 pp
Grant 94-167
Marshall 93-138
Hunter 1-31

Week 5A history of development

- Pre-modern development
- Colonialism and development
- Millennial Development Goals

Text Reading = 90 pp
Grant 168-204
Goudzwaard 127-166
Hunter 32-47

Week 6  The rise of NGOs

- Early history
- FBOs

Text Reading = 106 pp
Grant, 205-245
Hunter 48-78
Iriye 1-36

Week 7 Relief vs. development

- Major disasters
- Nation building

Text Reading = 102 pp
Grant 246-288
Goudzwaard 167-205
Iriye 37-59

Week 8  Reading Week: Development case studies: Africa

Text Reading = 161 pp
Marshall 139-230
Hunter 79-149

Week 9  Development case studies: Asia

- Cambodia
- Northern Thailand
Week 10  **NGOs in international politics**
- United Nations related
- World Trade Organization

Week 11  **NGOs in mission**
- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Rwanda
- Mexico

Week 12  **Development and post-colonialism**
- Africa
- Protestant missions
- Pentecostals

Week 13  **The future of NGOs and development**
- Lausanne
- World Evangelical Alliance
- Global Christianity

**IX. Select Bibliography of Globalization, Development and NGOs**


Rothkopf, David J. *Superclass: The Global Power Elite and the World They Are Making.* New