SPRING 2021 - PA 5590
TRANSFORMING DEVELOPMENT

Course Overview
Emerging infectious diseases such as COVID-19, antimicrobial resistance, climate change, loss of species, and habitats are driven by our dominant definition of development and pose existential challenges to humankind. COVID-19 has laid bare the ethnic, racial, class, and gender inequalities in the ways societies across the globe lead material life (economy).

Current social and environmental challenges are global and local in scale and challenge us to consider poverty alleviation not as an international issue and only of concern for low resourced communities and developing countries, but one in need of attention in every country in the world.

This course examines the emerging pluriverse paradigm and some of the models intending to transform development: community economies, solidarity movement, degrowth, and transition design. We will contrast these development models to sustainable development goals and the green growth approach.

Tuesday/Thursday,
11:15 am – 12:30 pm, Remote

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Who Should Take This Course?
This course is geared toward graduate and advanced undergraduate students (with permission of the instructor) with an interest in environmental concerns, environmental justice and social justice, and poverty alleviation in the US and across the globe.