

# International Development

## Summer Course



26-30 may 2025  
5th edition

### Cooperation in a disrupted world: who's setting the rules?

The landscape of international development and cooperation is undergoing profound transformation. As global crises multiply—from geopolitical tensions and economic instability to climate change and pandemics—the established frameworks of international engagement are being questioned. Who decides the rules of development in this evolving world order? Are we witnessing the decline of traditional aid models, and if so, what will replace them?

Development aid has long been positioned as a tool for progress, yet its effectiveness and motivations remain subjects of intense debate. As skepticism toward traditional aid paradigms grows, the conversation is shifting toward alternative approaches. Are we heading toward a post-aid world, where nations seek financial independence and new models of global cooperation emerge? If so, who will define these new rules, and what principles will guide them?

This IDSC will provide a platform to confront these pressing questions. The future of development is not predetermined; it is shaped by evolving global dynamics and the choices made by policymakers, institutions, and societies. Through debate and opposing views, we will explore alternative frameworks, reassess prevailing paradigms, and contribute to a more up to date vision for international cooperation. The question is not whether change is coming. The question is: who will control it and how will it evolve?

#### Target Group:

- \_ NGDO and other CSOs Managers
- \_ Academy Researchers and MA students in Development Studies
- \_ Journalists
- \_ Corporate and Social Responsibility managers (private sector)
- \_ International Development decision makers

#### Opening:

- \_ General Hosting with Tiago Matos Fernandes
- \_ Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian
- \_ ISEG - CEAs/Oficina Global
- \_ Plataforma Portuguesa das ONGD

### 26th May / Day 1

11:00 - 13:00 GMT+1

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**Aid, Trade, or Charade: What Drives International Cooperation**  
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### 27th May / Day 2

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**International Cooperation as leverage: when Aid turns into debt**  
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### 28th May / Day 3

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**Economic growth = development?**  
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### 29th May / Day 4

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**Democracy in a Vacuum: Can It Deliver Development?**  
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### 30th May / Day 5

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**Post-Aid or Post-Development? Rethinking Global Finance**  
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## Open sessions

Online Event. Mandatory registration.  
Portuguese-English simultaneous translation.