

## OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

To bring to dialogue and mutual constitutivity, theories and practices of development

To educate and enthuse a new set of professionals who would engage directly with rural communities triggering a process of social transformation through public and civil society initiatives

To bring professional and theoretical rigour to the practice of rural development

To blend cutting-edge academics with self-reflexivity and grassroots level developmental practice.

## ADMISSIONS 2015

### SEATS

8 (reservations as per the Government of NCT of Delhi norms) + 11 (to be filled according to the reservation policy of the Government of India) + 1 seats open to foreign nationals.

### HOSTEL

AUD has about 40 seats for women in its hostel in Kashmere Gate and about 20 seats for men in Dwarka.

### ELIGIBILITY (Essential)

Minimum 55% in a professional or a Masters degree in any subject (relaxation of 5% for candidates belonging to SC/ ST/ PD categories).

## APPLICATION DATES

### ONLINE APPLICATION

Opening- 10 June, 2015  
Closing- 9 July, 2015

### ENTRANCE TEST\*

16 July 2015

### GROUP DISCUSSION AND INTERVIEWS

16 & 17 July 2015

**APPLICATION FEES:** As per Ambedkar University, Delhi norms.

## SELECTION PROCEDURE

Written Examination followed by Group Discussion and Interview\*.

\*Consult the AUD website for entrance related details



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# MPhil Development Practice

2015-2017

School Of Human Studies  
&  
School of Development Studies

## SHS & SDS



**AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY DELHI (AUD)**

LOTHIAN ROAD, KASHMERE GATE, DELHI 110006 in

collaboration with



## MPHIL DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

The MPhil Programme in Development Practice is offered jointly by the School of Human Studies (SHS) and the School of Development Studies (SDS) in collaboration with **PRADAN**.

**PRADAN** is a public service organisation promoting and strengthening livelihoods of the rural poor. PRADAN works directly with the poor, through small teams of professionals, in the villages of Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Bihar.

One of the highlights of the Programme is the opportunity to connect with the other partners- Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT) and Rohini Ghadiok Foundation (RGF).

## PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Development – as a concept has multiple connotations and the complexity of its many contours and trajectories have become an area of intense contestation in the social sciences and in what has now come to be known as the ‘development sector’. However, the practice of development has largely failed to address the lived experiences and the livelihood-health-governance-educational issues of a large segment of the rural population.

The MPhil in Development Practice, through an examination of the unexamined ‘underdevelopment of the rural’ and the equally unexamined ‘royal road to Development’, plans to help the student set-up a long-term and engaged relationship with the rural through an immersion-based training in rural contexts.

In the process, it wishes to give birth to a Development Sector Professional who would have the capacity to initiate social transformation in rural India. The student will thus have both the theoretical and the practical experience to imagine, initiate and give shape to transformative social action in community contexts. In keeping with AUD’s vision of social equity and engaged scholarship, the programme aims to link the transformation of the self to the larger goals of developmental justice and collective transformation.

The programme also re-visits the given idea of research through **Action Research Projects**. Action Research takes ‘transformation’ as the object/ area of enquiry and creates a body of knowledge based on existing research on transformation, or knowledge of transformation, and the actual practice of grassroots level transformative social action.

Courses offered in the Programme are geared to the fulfillment of these objectives.

Some Courses on the *Theory of Practice*:

- *The Philosophy of Development Practice*
- *Understanding the Rural: Economy, Politics, Culture*
- *Inequality, Discrimination and Marginalisation in Rural Contexts*
- *Gender and Development*
- *Discourses on Justice and Well-Being*
- *Theories of Resistance, Collective Action, Transformation*
- *The Development Practitioner*

Some Courses on the *Vicissitudes of the Self*:

- *Experiencing the Self: Relating with Others Listening, Learning and Communicating*
- *Experiencing the Rural through Art, Literature and Film*

Some Courses on the *Practice of Theory*:

- *Engendering Rural Livelihoods*
- *Sustainable Natural Resource Management*

Some Courses on *Action Research*:

- *Research Methods*
- *Grassroots Engagement Methodology*
- *Participatory Rural Appraisal*

The Programme also has a focus on making sense of collectivities through participation in *Group Processes*.

## STIPEND

Rs.12,000 + Rs.36,000 (as annual contingency).

## ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

Minimum 75% for classroom teaching (at AUD) and 90% for First and second field immersions.

**DURATION** 22 months (4 Semesters) Full Time

**NUMBER OF CREDITS** 64

**FEES\*** Rs 1,310 per credit for course work+ Rs 500 per semester for Student Welfare Fund+ Rs 5,000 as refundable security deposit.

\*(subject to approval)

**MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION** ENGLISH



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