Research Seminar

‘Development and World Order: The Politics of Knowledge’.

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The paper begins with a brief critique of the Eurocentrism and knowledge processes of disciplinary international relations. It goes on to examine the discipline’s failure to address the politics of development, a failure that is replicated on the part of development studies for rather different reasons. The argument is then made that development has come to underwrite the contemporary world order, particular significance attaching to the way security has been tied to the development agenda. The paper concludes with some thoughts about how both security and development might be reimagined from the everyday.


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