DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY (ANSO)



GENEVA GRADUATE INSTITUTE

We offer unique opportunities for students interested in conducting social research on issues of transnational and global concern.

The Department of Anthropology and Sociology of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva was founded in 2011, with a dynamic and engaged faculty who actively seek the best students from all over the world. Our programmes provide solid grounding in classical and contemporary social theory, as well as training students in a variety of anthropological and sociological methods.

Research and teaching at the department address in a critical and comparative perspective issues of globalisation and development, law and state, violence and conflict, migration and democracy, environment and natural resources, markets and inequality, gender and sexuality, health and biomedicine, visual culture, while developing a constructive and vigorous dialogue with the international community in Geneva. ANSO faculty members have regional expertise and strong academic networks in Latin America, North America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, East and South Asia.

OUR MA AND PHD PROGRAMMES

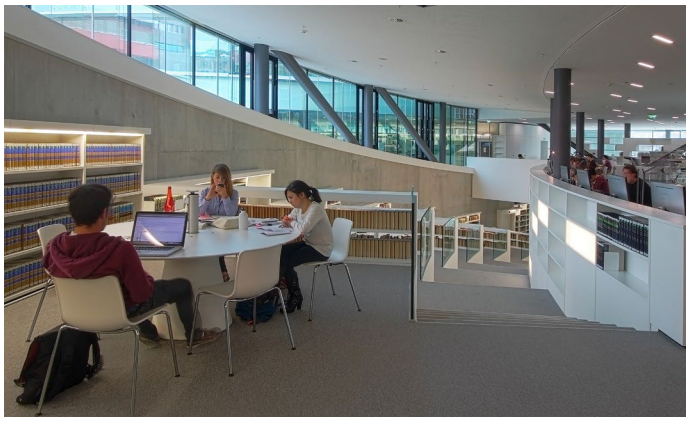
→ ANSO offers a two-year MA programme and a four-year PhD programme. Master's cohorts are typically around 20 students per year, and our PhD cohorts around 6 students per year. Teaching is in English, with some optional courses offered in French.

→ Our MA programme combines strong theoretical training with an emphasis on original empirical research. It typically attracts students with degrees in various social sciences. Our PhD programme is tailored for people with a background in anthropology/sociology, whose research interests correspond to the thematic profile of the department. The programme involves a year of coursework and preparation. Upon approval of the dissertation proposal, students go on to conduct fieldwork and then write their dissertation.



OUR STUDENT BODY

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is a small but vibrant scholarly community. Our student body is one of the most diverse in the world. Roughly 1,000 students from over 100 countries are enrolled in our various programmes. We offer state-of-the art academic infrastructure in our Maison de la Paix campus in the heart of Genève internationale. ANSO is home to over 70 students, who come from all over the world.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND ADMISSION

Affordable tuition fees and opportunities for financial aid enable MA and PhD students to complete their training in ideal circumstances. Financial support for the doctoral programme is available through a mix of scholarships, teaching and research assistant positions, as well as Swiss National Foundation awards. We are committed to funding all our accepted PhD students.

Admission is based on candidates' academic and/or professional record, proposed topic and convergence with our faculty strengths and interests. ANSO welcomes applications from people with work experience in international and non-governmental organisations.



CAREERS

After graduation, our students find work in a wide range of academic institutions, international and non-governmental organisations, public administrations and the private sector. In recent years former ANSO students have secured employment with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Labour Organization, the International Committee of the Red Cross, Médecins Sans Frontières… Others have taken up doctoral, post-doctoral or faculty positions at the University of Geneva, the Max Planck Institute, the University of Oxford, University College London, Stanford University and Berkeley University of California, to mention just a few.



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