

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
INTD 3101.03 -- KENYA STUDY TOUR 2006

This year's Kenya Study Tour will provide a unique insight into some exciting community-based development initiatives in some of the more remote areas of Kenya. Details are yet to be confirmed, but it is anticipated that the programme will centre around two venues, Marich Pass Field Studies Centre and the Laikipia Wilderness Education Centre. The programme will allow much interaction with local people and will afford a close view of the abundant fauna and flora. These educational centres catering for researchers are run by Dr. David Roden (formerly a Professor of Geography at Makerere University, Uganda) and Kuki Gallmann (author of *I Dreamed of Africa*, *African Nights*, *Night of the Lions*.) Both Dr Roden and Ms Gallmann are celebrated for their approaches to conservation and community development.

En route to Laikipia, two nights will be spent at the Kip Keino Children's Home. Here Mrs Phyllis Keino cares for upwards of 50 abandoned orphans, many HIV positive, within the grounds of a model development farm, in the heart of the former "White Highlands." The tour ends in Nairobi with a visit to Mathare Youth Sports Association (MYSA) – one of the most remarkable grassroots development projects in all of Africa.

A maximum of 16 students will be accepted for this programme and will receive a half credit upon successful completion of the course requirements. Travelling from the Ugandan border to the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, students will be afforded an unparalleled view of one of the most scenic countries in Africa. The programme will give students the opportunity to investigate the theory and practice of development through experiential learning, providing a unique opportunity to learn in a cross-cultural context. Discussions will be led by Dr Roden and other researchers. In addition, lectures will be given on such subjects as:

- The History of Kenya
- The Geography of Kenya
- Colonialists, Missionaries, and Expatriates
- Community Development
- Sport and Development
- Culture, Religion and Development
- Land, Crops and Wildlife
- Tourism, Conservation and the Environment.

INTD 2001/2002 will be required as a prerequisite for this course. Priority will be given to IDS majors, but the programme will be open to students from other disciplines. Also, priority will be given to those enrolled in the Uganda Programme. Prior to departure, the selected students will need to take part in a number of information sessions that will provide information about how to prepare and what to expect on assignment in Kenya. The instructor, Owen Willis, who has over 25 years experience of living in Kenya, will accompany participants while in the country and provide ongoing instruction and supervision. Travel within or outside the country is possible at the conclusion of the programme.

KENYA STUDY TOUR – INFORMATION

COSTS:

Kenya Programme fee: **\$1250**
(includes accommodation, full board, ground transportation, and administration)

Not included: academic credit, airfare, immunizations, Kenyan visa, bottled drinks, personal spending money

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:

Students will be required to pass an examination, make a group presentation and report on a book selected from a suggested reading list, in order to fulfill the requirements of the course. Dalhousie University will grant half an academic credit at the third year level to the students who successfully complete coursework and meet academic requirements.

APPLICATION:

Please complete a two-page (maximum) memo outlining why you would like to be selected for the programme. Include personal and academic background (Email, telephone, birthdate, student number, GPA, programme of study, year, INTD courses etc.) and details of your previous travel experience. Also, explain why you believe you can relate well in a group setting and travel successfully in developing countries. Please outline your particular development interests.

All students will be required to agree to a Code of Conduct. Please bear in mind that, at times, African conditions can be basic, and travel demanding. Travel in Africa also demands flexibility. To confirm all applications, a non-refundable deposit of \$250 will be due by December 10th. If you are applying for both the Kenya and Uganda programmes only one application is necessary, though the non-refundable deposit will be \$500.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: November 18th, 2005

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