ICT For Development: Building a Better World INF 5850

Final Exam To be submitted by December 13, 2019, 12:00 Use Inspera to submit your exam.

You find your candidate number on Studentweb. You will respond to only 2 out of the 3 questions below. You are expected to answer at least 1000- 1500 words per question (2000 – 3000 words in total). Try to use examples to illustrate your answers.

Both questions are equally weighted, and each questions has sub-parts and their respective weightages are specified.

1.

A) Define the term digital platform (20%)

B) Identify, describe and contrast the types of digital platforms with examples (30%)

C) Critically analyse some implications of 3 different types of digital platforms for development (50%)

2. The UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation have published the report "The age of Digital Interdependence".

You can find the report here: https://www.un.org/en/digital-cooperation-panel/

Explain:

A) How the panel understands the digital divide and digital public goods (50%)

B) Based on the curriculum and lectures in the course, discuss how digital public goods relates to development (50%)

3. A) Discuss how the following three authors have conceptualized development: i) Amartya Sen (Capability Approach); ii) Manuel Castells (Network Society); iii) Richard Heeks (Resilience). (40%)

B) Discuss how would you conceptualize ICTs within each of these perspectives. (40%)

C) What is your preferred mode of conceptualization And why? (20%)