



RESPONSE TO

CYCLICAL REVIEW OF THE
INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

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We would like to thank the Review Committee for their site-visit and for providing such a thoughtful and constructive report. We have circulated the report and discussed it at our ISID Faculty Committee Meeting (Jan 13) and IDS Program Sub-Committee (Jan 18th).

We have been instructed by Dr Phil Smith from the Cyclical Review Unit to address any factual errors or places in which we might be in disagreement with the reviewers' recommendations.

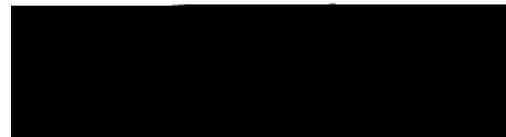
Overall ISID members agree with the general recommendations laid out by the Review Committee. Some of the recommendations touched on areas in which ISID is already actively working and we felt it important to point that out. We also feel the feedback from the evaluators strengthens our mandates with respect to our ongoing efforts:

- On curricular matters, an IDS Program Sub-Committee has already started working our maCc6ds0luato

Below we point out a few factual and typographical errors:

- P. 4 (first par): there are 4 streams, not 3.
- P. 4 (third par): only Geography and Management courses have “enrolment quotas” that give priority to GEOG/MGMT students
- P. 4 (fourth paragraph): there is currently no math or political science requirement. Regarding math, we expect only high school math, which is a McGill admissions requirement, not a program requirement.
- P. 5 (first paragraph): we are not sure what “better access to courses via Minerva” refers to
- P. 7 (last par): ISID, not ISIS.
- P. 9 (top): ISID and McGill faculty do already present at our speakers series (a Notes from the Field brownbag was set up a few years ago precisely with this in mind and this has now been absorbed by our regular speakers’ series).

In summary, ISID is very thankful for the thoughtfulness, thoroughness and positivity of the Review and the Reviewers’ recommendations.



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