



Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU) International Summer Semester (ISS) 2022

## International Development Co-operation

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### SHORT COURSE DESCRIPTION

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The aim of this course is to provide students with contemporary tools and understandings of the international development co-operation. This course consists of TWO parts: introducing theories about development and aid effectiveness and democracy promotion in Africa. Sub-Saharan Africa is an increasingly dynamic region of the world, experiencing rapid growth rates over the last decade. However, despite vast natural resource discoveries and the emergence of small but growing middle class, foreign aid continues to represent a critical source of finance for a number of African governments. Students are able to understand the relationship between aid and democracy.

### READING MATERIALS

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Resnick and van de Walle. 2013. *Democratic Trajectories in Africa: Unravelling the Impact of Foreign Aid*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Other articles available on *the course icampus*.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

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Exams (30% + 30%): There will be one mid-term and one final exam. Both exams will emphasize material from the text books and covered in class. The format of the exam will be announced in advance. The final exam will be comprehensive and include questions from the mid-term. Makeup exam will be given only under extreme and unusual circumstances and at the discretion of the instructor.

Group Exercises (20%): You will be assigned to a small group, which will be your working group for the semester. For an exercise, each group will prepare an application of the concepts and tools covered in the class to a specific case or intervention. The group will be expected to write up the application in a paper of no more than 12 pages. You will be asked to sign up for a small group by 28 June. This will be your small group for the entire semester. If you do not sign up for a group during that class, you will not be part of the class. Each team is expected to serve as a country expert and present the country report in a chosen day of the class.

Class Participation (10%): Students must not only do all of the assigned readings, but must attend the classes and be fully prepared to participate in discussions and exercises each week. You will be asked in some cases to prepare in your groups to engage in debates or discussions in class. We believe the greatest part of the learning in this course will take place in the exercises and discussions, and thus take class participation seriously.

Attendance (10 %): Instructor will *randomly* check student attendance with class attendance sheet. Each absence will result in a point reduction from your final grade. Five (5) unexcused absences will constitute a zero score for its 10 % of the course grade.

Grade: All ISS classes are pass/fail based on the student academic achievement evaluated by grades on a scale of 100 points (grades of 60 or above is Pass).

## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

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\*\*You can find readings with a double asterisk from *the course icampus*.

### **– WEEK I –**

Monday (27 June)

Course Introduction

Tuesday (28 June)

\*\*Harriss. 2014. “Development Theories”

Wednesday (29 June)

\*\*Hulme. 2014. “Poverty in Development Thought: Symptom and Cause”

Thursday (30 June)

\*\*Stewart and Samman. 2014. “Inequality and Development: An Overview”

### **– WEEK II –**

Monday (4 July)

\*\*Kharas. 2014. “Development Assistance”

Tuesday (5 July)

\*\*Carothers. 2010. “Democracy Support and Development Aid,” *Journal of Democracy* 21:4, pp. 12-26.

Wednesday (6 July)

Why Aid and Democracy? Why Africa?  
*U.S. Aid in Africa*

Thursday (7 July)

*Mid-term Exam*

### **– WEEK III –**

Monday (11 July)

Democratization in Africa: What Role for External Actors?  
*South Korea Aid in Africa*

Tuesday (12 July)

Foreign Aid and Democratic Development in Africa  
*China Aid in Africa*

Wednesday (13 July)

The Changing Dynamics of Foreign Aid and Democracy in Mozambique  
*ODA in Mozambique*

Thursday (14 July)

Donor Assistance and Political Reform in Tanzania

*ODA in Tanzania*

Friday (15 July)

Beyond Electoral Democracy

*ODA in Benin*

– WEEK IV –

Monday (18 July)

The Limits of External Democracy Assistance

*ODA in Ghana*

Tuesday (19 July)

Final Exam