

Japan and Africa
K0308
2 credits (Elective)

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Course Description

“Japan and Africa” is a seminar-style course that focuses on development challenges faced by African countries, as well as the Japanese policy to address them in cooperation with local and international stakeholders, against the backdrop of rapid globalization. A special emphasis will be laid upon the human security perspective, one of the pillars of the latest Japanese ODA policy. During the course of lecture, the instructor will invite several guest speakers such as African scholars and Japanese development practitioners to enrich the knowledge of the student. The implications of Japanese past experiences for African development will also be discussed.

Course Objectives

This course is to make the student well acquainted with the contemporary political and economic situations in Sub-Saharan Africa and with the emergent policy orientations in Japan toward the continent. The student will be able to see the African development challenges through the lens of new theory/policy perspectives such as human security.

Course Requirements and Assignments

The student must attend all lectures and read the required chapters of textbook in advance. Based on the interactive discussion in classroom, each student has to make a power-point presentation on Africa, in which a fictive proposal of development project in a certain African country will be presented. At the end of the first semester, the student should submit the term-end report about the Japanese development policy toward Africa. Relevant sub-topics will be suggested in classroom. The length of report shall be more or less 2,000 words (plus tables, figures and references).

Evaluation Criteria & Grading

Grading for the course will be determined as follows:

1. Report submission 50%
2. Contributions to the class including presentations, class discussions, attendance 50 %

Additional Information: CLASSROOM POLICIES

The participation in class discussions will weigh heavily.

Course Materials (REQUIRED READINGS)

Textbooks (parts of these books will be read in classroom)

Howard P. Lehman ed. *Japan and Africa: Globalization and Foreign Aid in the 21st century*, Routledge, 2010.

Mary Kaldor, *Human Security: Reflections on Globalization and Intervention*, Polity, 2007.

Reference books

Omano Edigheji ed., *Constructing a Democratic Developmental State in South Africa*, HSRC, 2010.

Deborah Brautigam, *The Dragon's Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa*, Oxford University Press, 2010.

Frances Stewart ed., *Horizontal Inequalities and Conflict: Understanding Group Violence in Multiethnic Societies*, Palgrave, 2010.

Giorgio Shani et al. eds., *Protecting Human Security in a Post 9/11 World*, Palgrave, 2007.

Katsumi Hirano ed., *Japan and South Africa in a Globalizing World*, Ashgate, 2003.

Course Schedule:

Week 1

Topic: Introduction

Week 2

Topic: The global politics of Japanese-African relations

Assignment:

Read Howard P. Lehman ed., *Japan and Africa: Globalization and Foreign Aid in the 21st Century*, chapter 1.

Week 3

Topic: Japan's aid policy in Africa

Assignment:

Read Howard P. Lehman ed., *Japan and Africa: Globalization and Foreign Aid in the 21st Century*, chapter 2.

Week 4

Topic: Developmental states in Asia and Africa

Assignment:

Read Howard P. Lehman ed., *Japan and Africa: Globalization and Foreign Aid in the 21st Century*, chapter 3.

Week 5

Topic: Special guest lecture by an African economist in Japan

Week 6

Topic: The history of idea and practice of development in Japan

Assignment:

Read handouts distributed in classroom

Week 7

Topic: Japan's aid to Africa and the notion of self-help

Assignment:

Read Howard P. Lehman ed., *Japan and Africa: Globalization and Foreign Aid in the 21st Century*, chapter 4.

Week 8

Topic: Human security

Assignment:

Read Mary Kaldore, *Human Security*, chapter 7.

Week 9

Topic: Conflict prevention and human security in Africa

Assignment:

Read handouts distributed in classroom

Week 10

Topic: Special guest lecture by a JICA expert from Tokyo

Week 11

Topic: Student presentation 1

Week 12

Topic: Student presentation 2

Week 13

Topic: Student presentation 3

Week 14

Topic: Student presentation 4

Week 15

Topic: Wrap-up discussion; Guidelines for report-writing

Note: This syllabus will be subject to changes and/or revisions