

IST-240 International Cooperation and Assistance

Class Hours: Mon and Wed: 10:30-11:45

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Description:

Foreign aid to developing countries has played an important role in international cooperation, with its objectives and strategies diversifying over the decades. More players have come in and new challenges are emerging. Because of its complexity and the multidisciplinary approaches required, foreign aid is sometimes misunderstood and often received criticism. This course will provide an overall and well-balanced picture of foreign aid from its historical roots, together with the evolution of development strategies, to an opportunity of simple project designing to better understand the operations of foreign assistance. Japan's ODA will be highlighted in many parts of the discussion. Students are encouraged to not only comprehend the substance of foreign aid but also consider how foreign aid is to be extended for effective international cooperation. To help understand actual operations of foreign aid, the course will also provide case studies of development projects and if resources are available, arrange meeting(s) with key personnel of aid agencies.

Objectives:

The course is designed to provide students with the following opportunities to (i) understand why and how foreign aid is extended; (ii) acquire the knowledge of what type of aid is appropriate under given conditions; (iii) get acquainted with major issues and problems of foreign aid, such as ODA given by Japan and other donors; and (iv) to become familiar with operation on foreign aid, especially in project designing.

Study Materials:

<Textbooks>

No particular textbook will be used, but the first one of the reference books listed below will be often used for reading. Mostly, handouts prepared by Instructor will be used in class.

<Reference books, sources of readings and other information>

All these are available (reserved) in the library or at respective Websites.

* Martinussen, John D. and Pedersen, Poul E. Aid: Understanding International Development Cooperation, Zed Books, 2003

* Lancaster, Carol. Foreign Aid, Diplomacy, Development, Domestic Politics. Univ. of Chicago Press, 2007

- * Tarp, Finn. Foreign Aid and Development. Routledge 2000
- * Wood, Robert E. From Marshall Plan to Debt Crisis: Foreign Aid and Development Choices in the World Economy, Univ. of California Press, 1986
- * Riddell, Roger C. Does Foreign Aid Really Work?. Oxford Univ Press 2007
- * Japan's Official Development Assistance: Annual White Paper, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (available at Web site of the Ministry, Japan)
- * Websites of World Bank, OECD/DAC, UNCTAD, Bilateral Aid Agencies (JICA, USAID, DFID, Kfw, DTEC, etc.)
- * 西垣・下村「開発援助の経済学」2003

Assessment:

The grading of student's overall performance will be made based on the results of the following distributions and weights:

(1) Final Exam	30%
(2) Quizzes (mostly in multiple choice), collectively	30%
(3) Homework and Presentation	30%
(4) Class Participation	10%

Expected Academic Background:

Not in particular.

Policies:

All assignments will be completed by due date and no late submission will be allowed.

Format and Activities:

Mostly, class sessions will be comprised of lecture and discussion. Each session will generally be initiated with lecture on the topic(s) of the day and then class discussions will follow. Students will be assigned to do in-depth study on specific assistance by official or private donors and present their findings in class for discussion. As one of the course targets, students will also prepare virtual proposals for setting up a NGO for international assistance.

Schedule:

<Week 1>

Themes: (1) International Cooperation vs. International Assistance, (2) Key Concepts

* OECD/DAC: DAC's Glossary

http://www.oecd.org/glossary/0,2586,en_2649_33721_1965693_1_1_1_1,00.html

<Week 2>

Themes: What is International Aid and why?

* Martinussen & Perdersen. Chap 2 (pg 7-23)

<Week 3>

Themes: (1) What is ODA? (2) ODA Structure and Types

* OECD/DAC: DAC's Statistical Reporting Directives

<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/36/32/31723929.htm#29>

* Websites for definition, criteria, and structure:

- MOFA Site: ODA

<http://www.mofa.jp/mofaj/gaiko/oda/index.html>

<Week 4>

Themes: Case Studies of Development Assistance (Loan/Credit, Grant, TA)

* Project Reports of WB, ADB, and JICA (To be selected. All will be available at their respective websites).

* Tarp: Part II (pg129-219)

<Week 5>

Themes: Doctrines and Strategies of Foreign Assistance: Post-war till Second UN Development Decade in 1970s

* Wood: Chap 1 and 2 (pg.29-78)

* Martinussen & Perdersen: Chap 4 (pg39-47)

* Truman's Point Four Program:

<http://www.factmaster.com/ce6/history/A0858181.html>

* Bretton Woods System:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bretton_Woods_system

* UN Second Decade of Development: General Assembly Resolution No.A/2626(XXV)

<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/resins.htm> (Find the Resolution of 25th Session on 24 Oct 1970)

<Week 6>

Themes: Doctrines and Strategies of Foreign Assistance: (1) Breton Woods Institutions and Development Strategies in 1980s and (2) New Development Agendas and Strategies in 1990s

* Martinussen & Perdersen: Chap 4 (pg47-53)

* Wood: Chap 5 and 6 (pg195-312)

* NIEO:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_intrnational_economic_order

* Structural Adjustment Lending/Development Policy Lending

WB website: Find "Development Policy Lending"

<Week 7>

Themes: Japan's ODA: Histories, Structure, Administration and Policies

* ODA White Papers 2004 and 2005 (Both are available at the sites of Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

<Week 8>

Themes: Japan's ODA: (1) Criticism and Challenges, (2) Case Studies

* OECD/DAC: "Japan Strives to Align Policies and Resources with New Aid Vision" 2003

http://www.oecd.org/document/38/0,2340,en_2649_33721_22139942_1_1_1_1,00.html

* Japan Institute of Global Communications, "Official Development Assistance of Japan: Criticism and Suggestions" Koichi Mera, 2001

http://www.glocom.org/opinions/essays/200109_mera_official/

<Week 9>

Themes: ODA by Other Bilateral Donors: USA, Germany, UK, France, Sweden

Presentations by Students Groups, which will be followed by questions and answers. The format of presentation will be announced in class in due course.

<Week 10>

Themes: (1) International Comparison of Bilateral Donor's Assistance; (2) Multilateral Assistance: Policies, Structures, and Administration

* OECD/DAC: Aid Activities

http://www.oecd.org/department/0,2688,en_2649_34469_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

* Martinussen & Perderson: Chap 6 (74-92) and Chap 7 (94-142)

<Week 11>

Themes: (1) Multilateral Assistance: Case Studies, (2) Assistance by NGOs/NPOs

* Martinussen & Perderson: Chap 8 (pg143-173)

* ODA White Paper 2005: Chap 2

* WB and UNDP Projects/Programs (To be selected. All will be available at their respective websites)

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<Week 12>

Themes: Project Cycle and Project Preparation (PDM)

* "Project Cycle for Public Sector Projects": ADB Website

<http://www.adb.org/Projects/cycle.asp>

* "Using the Logical Framework for Sector Analysis and Project Design: A User's Guide"

Part II, ADB

http://www.adb.org/Documents/Guidelines/Logical_Framework/chap02.pdf

<Week 13>

Themes: Project Designing (Problem Tree and Objective Tree)

Workshop will be conducted.

<Week 14>

Themes: (1) Case Studies: Project Concept Building, (2) Overall Review Session

Presentation by each students group, followed by questions and answers