

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA2015 China in Africa

Pre-requisites : HA1001

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

This course aims to introduce students to China-Africa relations in the context of contemporary international relations, foreign policy and development debates. It provides students with a comprehensive knowledge of the foundations of China's foreign policy towards Africa, the main dimensions and features of China's engagement on the continent, the ensuing achievements and challenges for both China and Africa, while exploring the impact on the continent's development and its broader international relations.

The course is designed for students who are interested in gaining a more structured understanding of China's engagement in Africa and how it impacts both the continent's development and China's rise at the world stage.

By providing you with a critical understanding of the main endeavours and outcomes of a key regional and global power engagement in one of the most promising developing regions, HA2015 is an important asset for those of you who are considering a future career either as a diplomat or in foreign affairs in general, or as political / development analyst / practitioner.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Explain historic and contemporary drivers of China's engagement in Africa and identify key shifts and continuities
2. Identify and explain roles of key actors and players on both China and Africa sides
3. List and discuss key dimensions of China-Africa relations and identify main achievements, challenges and changing features
4. Dissect and assess China's developmental and geopolitical impact in Africa
5. Unpack and explain concrete case studies and articulate well sustained arguments
6. Formulate sensible policy directions to address major challenges in China Africa relations

Course Content

The course is divided in three parts. Part I introduces China's foreign policy towards Africa, focusing on how it has evolved since 1949, its normative underpinnings and drivers and the complexity of actors and agents involved. The second part deconstructs the various dimensions of China's engagement in Africa, specifically development assistance, trade and economic cooperation, extractive and other industries, security issues and soft power. The final part examines the overall impact of China in Africa's development and the implications for the continent's international relations and the future of Africa.

Course Assessment

CA1 - Group Discussions	: 15%
CA2 - Case study project	: 35%
Final Examination	: 50%
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	100%