COURSE DETAIL

DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIANISM IN A DIGITAL AGE
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution King's College London
Program(s) English Universities,King's College London
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science Development Studies
UCEAP Course Number 127
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIANISM IN A DIGITAL AGE
UCEAP Transcript Title DEV&HUMAN:DIGTL AGE
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
The course begins with an analysis of the historical and philosophical concepts of development and humanitarianism. It examines the history of the emergence of a global development and humanitarian "industry" and considers many of the assumptions and power dynamics that underpin understandings of how these actors operate in the globalized world. Students are encouraged to think about the historical relationship between the media and responses to humanitarian crises. The course analyzes how the development of new media technologies affects these dynamics and the practical applications and limitations of digital media technologies when responding to different types of natural and man made disasters. The course also considers broader strategies of socioeconomic development across the world. It explores the opportunities and constraints faced by countries in the developing world in leveraging the technologies of the network society for macroeconomic growth. Students also examine how new media tools potentially facilitate market inclusion in these changing economies for marginalized groups. The course discusses a broader conceptualization of human development and explores how digital connectivity can lead to positive social change, empowerment, or new forms of contestation. Students examine the relationship between conflict, instability, and digital media technologies, and discuss some of the negative impacts of new media on fragile states.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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