

COURSE DETAIL

INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVLEOPMENT IN AFRICA

Country

France

Host Institution

Sciences Po Reims

Program(s)

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UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Economics

UCEAP Course Number

106

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVLEOPMENT IN AFRICA

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course offers an introduction to the role of innovation in the modern economy with a practical focus on the African continent. In the first part of the course, students learn how to conceptualize innovation in a development context. The second part provides an overview of the key stakeholders within the innovation ecosystem, including innovators, governments, public institutions, firms, and financiers. Much attention is paid to the promotion and financing of innovation. In order to help students bridge the gap between theory and practice, several case studies give them the opportunity to explore previously learned theories, concepts, and methods. The large range of applications to African countries furthermore gives students a sense of the spatial dynamics and historical perspectives that play a role in innovation. This course is particularly suitable for (albeit not limited to) students who have already taken courses in international relations, political economy, and micro/development economics and who intend to later pursue careers in policymaking, research, advisory and finance with a focus on promoting innovation. The following are covered: Innovation Theory; defining innovation and other key ideas; models of development and the role of innovation therein; institutional stakeholders; role of the state; financiers.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

18691

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