**Implementation and Evaluation of Aid Projects**

This course introduces students to the complex and changing field of international development cooperation. Focusing on both multilateral and bilateral foreign aid, it will answer key questions such as: Why do international donors give foreign aid? Who are the players and what are the issues in international development aid and lending? Why are developing countries interested in receiving development assistance? Does foreign aid work? How should we understand and evaluate past and current foreign aid and development assistance? Do foreign aid and loans do more harm than good?

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