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**World Bank and SDGs**

**Class Schedule**

**Course theme:**

This course is provided by current/ former World Bank experts and policymakers of the World Bank’s recipient countries. The course provides an overview of the World Bank’s strategy and operations to tackle poverty alleviation and promote sustainable economic development, focusing on sustainable development goals (SDGs).

**Course objectives:**

The primary objectives of this course are the following three: a) to understand the role of the World Bank for poverty alleviation and sustainable economic development; b) to understand the World Bank’s operations in its client countries; and c) to develop a strategic plan to achieve SDGs through conducting case studies.

**Course description and course schedule:**

This course is provided in the form of real-time online classes via Zoom. The details are as follows:

Zoom Link:

https://kobe-u-ac-jp.zoom.us/j/81167546087?pwd=VkhRLzhCM3J5b0llUitBOHZLZUhOZz09

**Session #1:**

Overview of the Course

Dr. Keiichi Ogawa, Former Education Economist, WB

Date: December 19 (Sunday), 2021, from 8:50 am to 10:20 am

**Session #2:**

Education's Role in Catalyzing Economic Development and Growth

Dr. Eduardo Velez Bustillo, Former Sector Manager, World Bank (WB)

Date: December 27 (Monday), 2021, from 8:00 am to 9:30 am

**Session #3:**

Early Childhood Development and SDGs

Dr. Eduardo Velez Bustillo

Date: December 27 (Monday), 2021, from 9:50 am to 11:20 pm

**Session #4:**

World Bank Support in the Middle East (Case of Yemen)

Dr. Hamoud Al-Seyani, Advisor for Education Minister, Yemen

Date: December 27 (Monday), 2021, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

**Session #5:**

Global Education Architecture

Dr. Nicholas Burnett, Former Sector Manager, WB; Board Chair, UNESCO IIEP

Date: December 28 (Tuesday), 2021, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am

**Session #6:**

Innovative Finance in Education for SDGs

Dr. Nicholas Burnett

Date: December 28 (Tuesday), 2021, from 10:50 am to 12:20 am

**Session #7:**

Education and SDGs in Africa

Dr. Mari Shojo, Senior Education Specialist, WB

Date: December 28 (Tuesday), 2021, from 15:00 am to 16:30 am

**Session #8:**

World Bank Support in Africa (Case of Uganda)

Dr. Albert Byamugisha, Senior Technical Advisor, Uganda Prime Minister’s Office

Date: December 28 (Tuesday), 2021, from 17:00 am to 18:30 am

**Session #9:**

Human Capital Index: Learning Outcomes

Dr. Harry Patrinos, Practice Manager, WB

Date: January 10 (Monday), 2022, from 9 am to 10:30 am (TBA)

**Session #10:**

Technical Vocational Education and Training and SDGs

Dr. Shiro Nakata, Senior Education Economist, WB

Date: January 10 (Monday), 2022, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

**Session #11:**

Green Jobs, Skills and Climate Change for SDGs

Dr. Shiro Nakata

Date: January 11 (Thursday) 2022, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

**Session #12:**

Case Study: Group Presentation

Prof. Keiichi Ogawa

Date: February 5 (Saturday), 2022, from 8:50 am to 10:20 am

**Session #13:**

Case Study: Group Presentation

Prof. Keiichi Ogawa

Date: February 5 (Saturday), 2022, from 10:40 am to 12:20 am

**Session #14:**

Case Study: Group Presentation

Prof. Keiichi Ogawa

Date: February 5 (Saturday), 2022, from 13:20 am to 14:50 am

**Session #15:**

Case Study & Summary of Course:

Prof. Keiichi Ogawa

Date: February 5 (Saturday), 2022, from 15:10 am to 16:40 am

**Grading method**

Homework and Class Participation (20 percent)

Strategic Plan Presentation (30 percent)

Final Report (50 percent)

**Grading criteria**

Students will be evaluated based on: 1) homework/ class participation; 2) strategic plan presentation; and 3) final report.

**Important notes on course registration**

There are no particular prerequisites and requirements to enroll in this course. However, students should have a strong interest in the World Bank and its support for global development.

**Review and preparation**

Kobe University requires 45 hours of study to award one credit, including both in-class instruction and self-study. Students are required to prepare for each class and complete the review after each class, depending on the respective class goals.

**Office hour・Contact information**

By appointment only.

**Message for students**

If you want to work for the World Bank, this class is beneficial to deepen your understanding of the World Bank’s operations.

**Textbook**

To be assigned and distributed on the first day of class.

**Recommended reference materials**

World Development Report, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

**Language:**

English

**Keyword:**

World Bank, SDGs, Poverty Reduction, Sustainable Economic Development