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Development Theory and Practice in Latin America and Africa/
Global Classroom
Tuesdays, 7:25-10:25 am
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Purpose of course: This course aims to provide students with a general introduction to
development for a “generalist” development practitioner, and serves as the foundation course
for the Master’s in Sustainable Development Practice (SDP) curriculum (for more information,
see www.africa.ufl.edu/mdp/index.html). It also is a required course for the Graduate
Certificate in Sustainable Development Practice
(http://www.africa.ufl.edu/mdp/academicprograms/sdpcertificate.html). The course will be
offered at a number of Universities around the world, and each week students will have the
opportunity to learn from expert practitioners. Course topics will be grounded in a practical,
multi-disciplinary approach that will focus on the inter-relationship among core fields of study,
comparing Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Both conceptual and practical issues will be stressed throughout each course topic. Given the
breadth of the topics covered, it will not be possible to study any issue with the required depth.
Instead, the goal is for students to learn to describe and analyze the variety and complexity of
development issues, paying particular attention to cross-sector linkages and regional
comparisons. The course will leverage web-based technologies to share lectures across
countries, and to facilitate interactions among students and faculty at participating universities.
The Columbia University Center for New Media Teaching and Learning (CNMTL) will support
the interactive, web-based components of the course including the development of electronic
learning resources and the lecture videos. The Columbia University course instructors are Drs.
Tatiana Wah and Jeffrey Sachs.