International Development Organization
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09:00AM-11:45AM Tuesdays & Thursdays
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Synopsis

Since the adoption of **Paris (Climate Change) Agreement** and **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** by the UN, it has become more important to better understand the role of international organizations which focuses on those areas. Traditionally, development organizations have been seen as organizations, which focus on developing countries. However, both Paris Agreement and SDGs emphasize the importance of applying norms, rules, and procedures equally to both developed and developing countries. In fact, we started to see some needs of external assistances even among some of the developed countries (as in the case of Greece due to recent financial crisis) while some advanced developing countries such as China and Korea are better off than other countries and started to provide development assistances.

In this context, this course will focus on three major climate change and sustainable development organizations, i.e. Global Green Growth Institute, Green Climate Fund and United Nations Development Program. **Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)** is one of the major global organizations in addressing climate change by realizing low carbon development, being headquartered in Seoul, Korea. **Green Climate Fund (GCF)** as a primary financing entity under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, is supposed to play as the primary financial organization to realize low carbon development. The expected size of the GCF in terms of mobilized funding is to be similar to that of the World Bank. GCF is currently located in Korea. Finally, as a traditional development organization, **United Nations Development Program (UNDP)** has been developing new methodologies and strategies to address climate change and implement SDGs. UNDP has an office in Korea, UNDP Seoul Policy Center, currently located in the campus of Korea University.

Grading

- Summary presentations; 30%
- Group Presentation: 30%
- Class participation: 40%

Textbook:

A reading package is available for the purchase.

Class Rules

1. All the technical inquiries on the class must be addressed to the class T.A.
2. All the materials that students will turn in MUST be submitted <u>through Blackbord</u>. <u>No consideration will be given to the materials which are to be submitted other than through Blackboard</u>.
3. Student presentation material(s), if any, MUST be available in the Blackboard at least a day prior to the scheduled day of presentation.
4. Those who may not attend any class due to his or her own reason(s) MUST turn in any appropriate proof to the instructor to avoid any disadvantage concerning the class attendance. Email or oral notification won't be considered as a proof.
5. <u>No electronic devices including cell phones and computers are not allowed in the classroom unless the instructor says otherwise</u>.

Schedule[1]

I.   Introduction

Week 1. (September 4) Course Introduction

II.   Green Climate Fund

Week 2 (September 11) Climate Finance in Theory

Week 3 (September 18) UNFCCC and Green Climate Fund

Week 4 (September 25) Role of the Board of GCF

III.   Global Green Growth Institute

Week 5 (October 2) Low Carbon Development to Address Climate Change

Week 6 (October 9) National Holiday

Week 7 (October 16) GGGI's Strategy and Governance

Week 8 (October 23) Mid-term Week

Week 9 (October 30) Guest Speaker's Lecture

IV.   UNDP

Week 10 (November 6) UNDP and Sustainable Development Goals

Week 11 (November 13) Practices of UNDP

Week 12 (November 20) Guest Speaker's Lecture

V.   Group Presentations

Week 13 (November 27) Group presentations

Week 14 (December 4) Group Presentations

Week 15 (December 11) Wrap-up

Week 16 (December 18) Final Week

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[1] More details to be provided in the class meeting.