GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY GOVERNANCE

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**[Class Schedule]**

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**[Time & Venue]**

9:00-12:00
@ ROOM 106
Faculty of Law and Economics, East Building

**[Course Contents]**

Week 1: Context and concepts
Week 2: Key issues and actors
Week 3: Theories to support
Week 4: Methods for data collection and analysis

For more detail, visit our AGST website
https://agst.jgp.kyoto-u.ac.jp/topics/event/1027

**Note**

Registration required for participation
(Name, student ID number, and need/no need of credit)

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**Course Goals**

The goals of this course are to:

1. Explore the complexity of global food security governance;
2. Deepen awareness and understanding of the key issues and actors in global food security from a governance perspective;
3. Understand and apply theories used to analyse global food security governance;
4. Enhance awareness and understanding of qualitative methods for research into global food security governance.

**Course Schedule and Contents**

(Day/period) May 9,11,16,18,23,25,30, June 1, 2 (1st and 2nd period)

**Week 1: Context and concepts**

#1 - Introduction to global food security governance: understanding the context and complexity [May 9]

- Key questions for students --- How did the global food price crisis of 2007/8 change the architecture of global food security governance? Why is it important to work towards complexity in our analyses?
- Required literature:

#2 - Key concepts and contestation in global food security governance [May 11]

- Key questions --- How are food security, food sovereignty and the right to food related and how are they distinct? What role do these concepts play in global food security governance? How can we frame sustainability and food security?
- Required literature:

**Week 2: Key issues and actors**

#3 - Trade and Food Security [May 16]

- Key questions --- What is the role of trade in food security governance? Are the goals of trade and the goals of food security compatible?
- Required literature:

#4 - Participation, politics, policy and post-politics in global food security governance [May 18]

- Key questions --- What are the implications of the rise of multi-stakeholder platforms for food security governance? How has global food security governance become post-political?
- Required literature:
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**Week 3: Theories to support analysis**

- **#5 - Adaptive and reflexive governance for food security [May 23]**
  - Key questions: How can governance arrangements be structured to most appropriately address the complexity of food security?
  - Required literature:

- **#6 - Governing and governmentality: Implications for global food security governance [May 25]**
  - Key questions: What can the concept of governmentality help explain when applied to global food security governance?
  - Required literature:

**Week 4: Methods for data collection and analysis**

- **#7 - Multi-actor approaches to researching food security governance [May 30]**
  - Key questions: How can a multi-actor approach contribute to data collection?
  - Required literature:

- **#8 - Critical discourse analysis: when, where and how [June 1]**
  - Key questions: How can critical discourse analysis contribute to food governance?
  - Required literature:

- **#9 - Applying critical discourse analysis [June 2]**
  - Tutorial: Please bring a report, or interview transcript related to your research to this tutorial. We will use these to apply critical discourse analysis.

**Class requirement**

An open mind and willingness to participate are the only requirements.

**Method, Point of view, and Attainment levels of Evaluation**

The grade for this course is assigned on the basis of:
Class Participation and Discussion (30%) / Final presentation (30%) / Final reflection essay (40%)

**Textbook**

There is no textbook associated with this course.

**Reference books, etc.**

(Reference books)

Required readings, and the related schedule, will be made available through a cloud system (i.e. dropbox).

**Regarding studies out of class (preparation and review)**

Students are required to read all assigned literature in advance of the lecture.

**Others (office hour, etc. )**

This course is conducted in English. It requires active participation from students.
Office hours are by appointment. Please e-mail jessica.duncan@wur.nl for an appointment.
*Please visit KULASIS to find out about office hours.

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