GIM Social Impact Syllabus

Winter 2018

January 14
January 20/21
February 17/18
& April 8

Class will be held in Global Hub 1130

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Course Description and Objectives

Global Initiatives in Management (GIM) Social Impact is a course designed to provide students with a broad introduction to the unique opportunities and challenges of designing and analyzing business models – either for-profit or not-for-profit – that create positive societal or environmental impact. During the course, students will gain broad exposure to a variety of organizations around the world that have deliberately designed their organization for social impact and will analyze how and where financial return is compatible with social return.

In addition, students will have the opportunity to look in-depth at the social challenges and market opportunities in one region: East Africa. Students will work in teams on research projects that analyze one business sector in depth and develop a market landscape analysis. The class will travel to Arusha, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenya, during spring break in March to conduct field research and interviews and meet leading social impact organizations.

East Africa is emerging as a global hub for innovation around social impact and impact investing. The region has been of interest to both conventional and socially-motivated investors because of the comparatively stable business environment it offers, with democratically elected governments, low inflation and steady growth. Almost $10 billion has been invested in the region, half of which has gone into Kenya, where Nairobi has become a hub for impact investing in the region. Yet Kenya is also one of the most unequal countries in the region, with 42% of its population living below the poverty line, and has faced serious challenges with food insecurity due to drought and a growing population of refugees from Somalia and South Sudan. Tanzania is an “up and comer” as the third largest market for impact capital in the region, with over $1 billion invested, and is expected to grow as Kenya becomes more crowded and competitive.

GIM Program Objectives

The GIM Program enables Kellogg students to:

• Gain an understanding of the economic, political, social, and culture characteristics of a country or region outside the United States.
• Learn about key business trends, industries, and sectors in a country or region outside the United States.
• Conduct international business research on a sector of interest.
• Further develop teamwork and leadership skills.
Global Programs

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Attendance Policy

Due to the nature of the GIM program, attendance for all GIM classes is mandatory, as is participation in the two-week field trip. Attendance on the first day of class is also mandatory. If a student misses more than one class throughout the term, one letter grade will be deducted from his or her final grade. Exceptions may be made by the faculty member in cases of extreme circumstances.

Role of the In-Country Advisor & Traveling Faculty

Throughout your GIM trip, you will be accompanied by an in-country advisor, Debbie Kraus, Director of Global Study Programs at Kellogg. The in-country advisor is responsible for the planning, integrity, and quality of the in-country experience. Among other logistical roles during the trip, she will be assessing each student’s level of participation during the plenary meetings and will be assigning 15% of the students’ overall grade. Students will also be accompanied by Professor Ameet Morjaria, whose research focuses on East Africa, and who will support students’ in their in-country learning.

Kellogg Honor Code

The students of the Kellogg School of Management regard honesty and integrity as qualities essential to the practice and profession of management. The purpose of the Kellogg Honor Code is to promote these qualities so that each student can fully develop his or her individual potential. Upon admission, each student makes an agreement with his or her fellow students to abide by the Kellogg Honor Code. Students who violate the Kellogg Honor Code violate this agreement and must accept the sanction(s) imposed by the Kellogg community.

The Kellogg Honor Code is administered by students and is based on the concept of self-government. The efficacy of such a student-administered honor code is dependent upon a high degree of dedication to the ideals of honesty, integrity and equal opportunity reflected by the code. The Kellogg Honor Code requires that each student act with integrity in all Kellogg activities and that each student hold his or her peers to the same standard. In agreeing to abide by the code, the Kellogg students also agree to report suspected violations. By not tolerating lapses in honesty and integrity, the Kellogg community affirms the importance of these values.

Course Materials

Thurow, Roger. *The Last Hunger Season: A Year in an African Farm Community on the Brink of Change.*

Course reading packet.
# Course Schedule and Assignments

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<th>Webinar #1</th>
<th>November 28, 2017 (5-6:00pm central)</th>
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<th>Pre-Class #2</th>
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| **Topics:**  | Class kick-off
              Class project discussion & project group formation |
| **Assignment:** | Review syllabus
Complete pre-course survey by January 8 at 6pm central


Overview reading:
- The Social Enterprise Spectrum (course packet)

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<th>Class #1</th>
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| **Topics:** | Introductions and Spectrum of Social Impact
Measurement & Metrics
Sustainability & Scale |
| **Assignments:** | Submit two-page overview of an organization working in your sector of interest by January 19 at midnight

Overview Reading:
- [The Fortune at the Bottom of the Pyramid](https://www.amazon.com/Fortune-Bottom-Pyramid-Nicholas-Henry/dp/0060557791)
- The Hidden Pitfalls of Inclusive Innovation (course packet)
- Making Better Investments at the Base of the Pyramid (course packet)
### Global Programs

#### GIM Social Impact syllabus

**January 6, 2018**

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<td>• SSIR: <a href="#">10 Years of Performance Measurement</a></td>
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<td>Asha Varghese, Director, Global Health at GE Foundation</td>
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<td>• Sustainable Development Goals</td>
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<td>Summary of 3-5 interviews for background research</td>
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### Class #3  February 17, 2018 (1:00-6:00pm central)

**Topics:**
- Overview of Impact Investing & Investing Simulation
- Impact Business Models
- One Acre Fund Discussion

**Speaker:**
- Toni Maraviglia, Co-Founder of Eneza Education
- Matthew Forti, Managing Director, One Acre Fund USA

**Assignments:**
- Sector overview presentation due February 17 at midnight

**Video:** Putting Smallholder Farmers First in the Fight to End Hunger

**Case:** Prepare business model canvas for One Acre Fund

**Impact Investing Reading:**
- [Social Impact Investing Will Be the New Venture Capital](#)
- [Learning from Silicon Valley](#)
- [Frontier Capital: Early Stage Investing for Financial Returns and Social Impact in Emerging Markets](#)
- ’Not just for profit – but for survival’
- [The Trouble With Impact Investing, Part 1](#)
- [The Trouble With Impact Investing, Part 2](#)
- [The Trouble With Impact Investing, Part 3](#)

**One Acre Fund reading:**
- Thurow, Roger. *The Last Hunger Season: A Year in an African Farm Community on the Brink of Change*
- [One Acre Fund 2016 Annual Report](#)
- [Business Model Canvas video & Business Model Canvas Explained](#)

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### Class #4  February 18, 2018 (9:00-12:00pm central)

**Topics:**
- Student sector presentations
- Investing for Impact in East Africa

**Speaker:**
- Lisa Thomas, Founder and Managing Director, Samata Capital

**Assignments:**
- Sector presentations by project teams
Webinar #2 | March 6, 2018 (5:00-6:00pm central)
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Topics: | Trip preparation
Assignments: | Submit in-country plan by March 17 at midnight

In-Country Field Research - March 20th – March 29th
In-country team check-ins – March 27/28

Final Class | April 8, 2018 (1:00-3:30pm central)
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Topics: | Trip debrief & student final project presentations
Assignments: | Submit final presentation by April 7 at midnight
| Submit personal reflection paper by April 11 at midnight

In-Country Academics

Students are reminded that GIM is first and foremost an academic program. 15% of your overall grade will be based on your participation in the plenary meetings and engagement in other activities as assessed by the in-country advisor. In order to achieve a high grade, students are expected to not only attend all plenary meetings, but to be actively engaged during the meetings and other learning opportunities in country.

Assessment

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<th>Team Project &amp; Individual Assignment</th>
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GIM Research Projects

The core of the GIM Social Impact class is an independent research project. The students begin secondary research on their topic during the winter quarter, incorporating perspectives from the class readings and speakers. While in-country, students will spend considerable time speaking with resident experts and potential customers, gathering local data from the field. Students must conduct interviews for their projects in every city that they visit throughout the trip.

Project Deliverables

- **Background Research and Sector Overview Presentation (10%)** – Before departing for the in-country portion of the class, the team must submit a review examining secondary information relevant to the project in East Africa.

- **In-Country Plan (10%)** – This is a detailed matrix of five or more investigative research meetings arranged in country. The best plans will include day/time/location of meeting; name/description of organization; name/title/bio of interviewee; agenda and interview guide for each meeting.

- **In-Class Final Presentation (20%)** – During the final class, the project group will make a presentation in class on their industry sector. Groups should hand in a detailed, powerpoint presentation with full citations as their final deliverable for the project.

- **Peer Evaluation (15%)** – Each member within the project group will assess every other member’s contributions to the project, including their own, with a confidential peer review form that takes into account each member’s intellectual contribution, initiative and organization, workload contribution and overall contribution. Additionally the class will assess the contributions of each team to their overall learning and experience of the course.

Individual Assignment

- In addition to the group project, each student will turn in a 3-5 page personal reflection paper after the trip, due at the final class. Grades will based upon:
  - The level of synthesis between class and in-country learning
  - Engaging, insightful and relevant thinking
  - Applicability of insights to professional interests
  - Overall quality and organization of writing