Wharton Global Virtual Class

MGMT 89x: Global Approaches to Diversity: Overcoming Racial and Gender Inequality around the World

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Racial and gender divides underpin persistent patterns of discrimination, inequality, and conflict in many parts of the world. This class explores different types of solutions pursued by the private and nonprofit sectors to address these underlying issues with a view to fostering opportunity, inclusion, and diversity.

Focusing on creative and innovative perspectives, this class offers students a window into a wide variety of education, training, mentorship, empowerment, grassroots organizing, pilot projects, intervention programs, and other approaches. The goal is to learn from the experiences of a wide range of organizations in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. Guest speakers and panels will expose students to the successes and the limitations of various approaches.

Schedule of Classes and Potential Guest Speakers

Each day of class:

- An introduction to the topic by the faculty.
- An introduction to the speakers and their organizations by a team of students.
- A panel and/or a series of invited guest speakers.
- A structured discussion moderated by the faculty.

Specific Topics and Organizations include:

Topic	Country*	Organizations
Supporting entrepreneurs in Rio de Janeiro's	Brazil	EduMais
favelas		
Grassroots organizing in the Afro-Brazilian	Brazil	Bahia Street, Instituto da
LGBTQ community		Mulher Negra
Financial inclusion in the Andean highlands	Peru	Caja Rural de los Andes
Support groups for women entrepreneurs	Nigeria	Lionesses of Africa
Venture capital for good in rural Africa	Senegal	Aventura Investment Partners
Attracting girls to careers in STEM	India	The STEM Sisterhood
Protecting the weak through environmental	Thailand	International Rivers
sustainability		
Water, hygiene, and health for women and	Madagascar	WaterAid
children		

others		
Role of Technology in overcoming inequality	Kenya	MPesa and Kibera
Quotas – Women on Boards & other types of	Europe/Cali	?
quotas in Organizations	fornia/	
	South	
	Africa	

^{*}In some cases the guest speaker(s) may be located in a different country.

Requirements

- 1. Class attendance and participation (25%).
- 2. Weekly multiple-choice tests (20%).
- 3. One student team presentation in class, 10 mins (10%).
- 4. Short individual paper on what the U.S. could learn from experiences around the world (15%).
- 5. Final team project (25%) plus peer-evaluation of another team's project (5%).