Governance and Policy in Africa and Asia in International Comparative Context
(SOCI3026 UNUK, L33783)

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This module examines responses to challenges facing social policy makers in Africa and Asia taking a comparative case study approach. It is a free-standing module that does not assume you have taken the Dynamics of International Social Policy or another Policy module in Year 2. The module provides research-led teaching.

Topics include:

- Approaches to the study of international comparative governance
- Delivering inclusive and sustainable healthcare, social security, education and criminal justice systems
- Good governance and building institutions to challenge corruption
- Rural-urban migration and the challenges of creating urban infrastructure and sustainable cities
- Women and social policy
- Food security and famines
- Indigeneity and social policy in contested spaces
- Social policy in failed states and during conflict and war
- The challenges of climate change and extreme weather
- Working with international agencies
- Policy transfer within Africa and Asia

Assessment is by a portfolio that you will develop on a particular area of interest over the course of the module equivalent to a 4000 word essay. This allows you to focus in your final year on a subject that interests you most. For example, in the recent past students have written portfolios on: Good governance and corruption in Botswana and Nigeria, Policing in Afghanistan and South Africa, Policies towards minority ethnic and religious groups in China and Myanmar, Land reform in Zimbabwe, and Women’s rights in India, Rwanda and Saudi Arabia.

Please drop me an email if you’d like to meet to discuss this module before you make your choices.