The Politics of Official Development Aid and Aid Flows 29

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The vast majority of countries around the world participate in the foreign aid process, as donors, recipients, or, sometimes, both. States use foreign aid to promote international development abroad. They also use it to pursue foreign policy objectives. In the first part of this course, we will explore the factors that shape foreign aid delivery in donor countries, including donor domestic politics and recipient characteristics. In the second part, we study the effectiveness of foreign aid by exploring how the presence of donors in recipient countries influences aid beneficiaries perceptions of donors and their own domestic governments and institutions.