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Series 2 2012

AFRICA: DIVERSITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Dates: Tuesday, 26 June – Tuesday, 31 July 2012

Time: 2.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Venue: Leith Bowling Club, Duke Street, North Dunedin

Enrolments for this course will be limited to 100

Course Fee: \$40.00

Tea and Coffee provided

Course Organiser: John Burton (477 7371)

Course Assistants: Norma Restieaux (477 4607)

Sue Cathro (467 5474)

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You may apply to enrol in more than one course. If you wish to do so, you must indicate your choice preferences on the application form, and include payment of the appropriate fee(s).

All applications must be received by noon on Wednesday, 16 May 2012, and you may expect to receive a response to your application on or about 25 May.

Any questions about these courses after 25 May should be referred to the Secretary, U3A Dunedin, telephone 471 9913 or on email at <graysinn@clear.net.nz>

Please keep this brochure as a reminder of venue, dates, and times for the courses for which you apply.

AFRICA: DIVERSITY AND DEVELOPMENT

The course will examine the diversity of Africa's 54 countries, and considers issues and strategies concerning development and upliftment among the continent's economies and communities. In the early 21st century, Africa remains the world's poorest continent, with roughly half the population living on less than 1 US\$ per day, and an average life expectancy of just 45. For decades, the continent has been associated with food shortages, natural disasters, civil war, corruption, environmental degradation and poverty. Compounding this is the pervasive view that development interventions in recent years have failed to improve the living standards of the poor.

Initiatives such as the New Partnership for Africa's development, the G8 meeting, the 'Make Poverty History' campaign, and the UK Commission on Africa, have propelled Africa into the political and media spotlight. Rather than reaffirming negative stereotypes, however, recent attention has focused more on Africa's diversity and complexity, the inter-related nature of development issues, and the considerable potential of Africa to make a positive contribution to its own development needs and to the world as a whole.

In the context of this renewed interest in Africa, this course explores the background to Africa's present condition and examines a number of key development issues. Stereotypical perceptions of Africa will be challenged and illustrated case study material will be used wherever possible. The course directly relates to a recently published book: Tony Binns, Alan Dixon & Etienne Nel, *Africa: Diversity and Development*, Routledge, London, December 2011, ISBN: 978-0-415-41368-8 (pbk).

The course will be presented by Professor J A (Tony) Binns, Ron Lister Professor of Geography, Department of Geography, University of Otago.

The Programme

- 26 June: ① Africa's diversity - people, environment and the historical record
- 3 July ② Rural Africa - development priorities and strategies
② Colonial & post colonial
- 10 July ④ Urban Africa - development priorities and strategies
- 17 July ⑤ Conflict and Post-conflict, Health and Welfare
- 24 July ⑥ Developing Africa: Development strategies past, present and future
- 31 July ⑦ Positioning Africa for the future