

LDE Minors coordinated by ASCL

African Dynamics

Africa has undergone significant transformations in the past decades and this is likely to accelerate. Current projections indicate that the continent's population will double in the next 30 years, with more than half of its people living in urbanised environments. The subsequent growing demand for food, water, energy, land, infrastructure, health services, education, jobs, etc. can be powerful drivers of growth, but may also present severe social, economic, and environmental threats.

Find out more here:

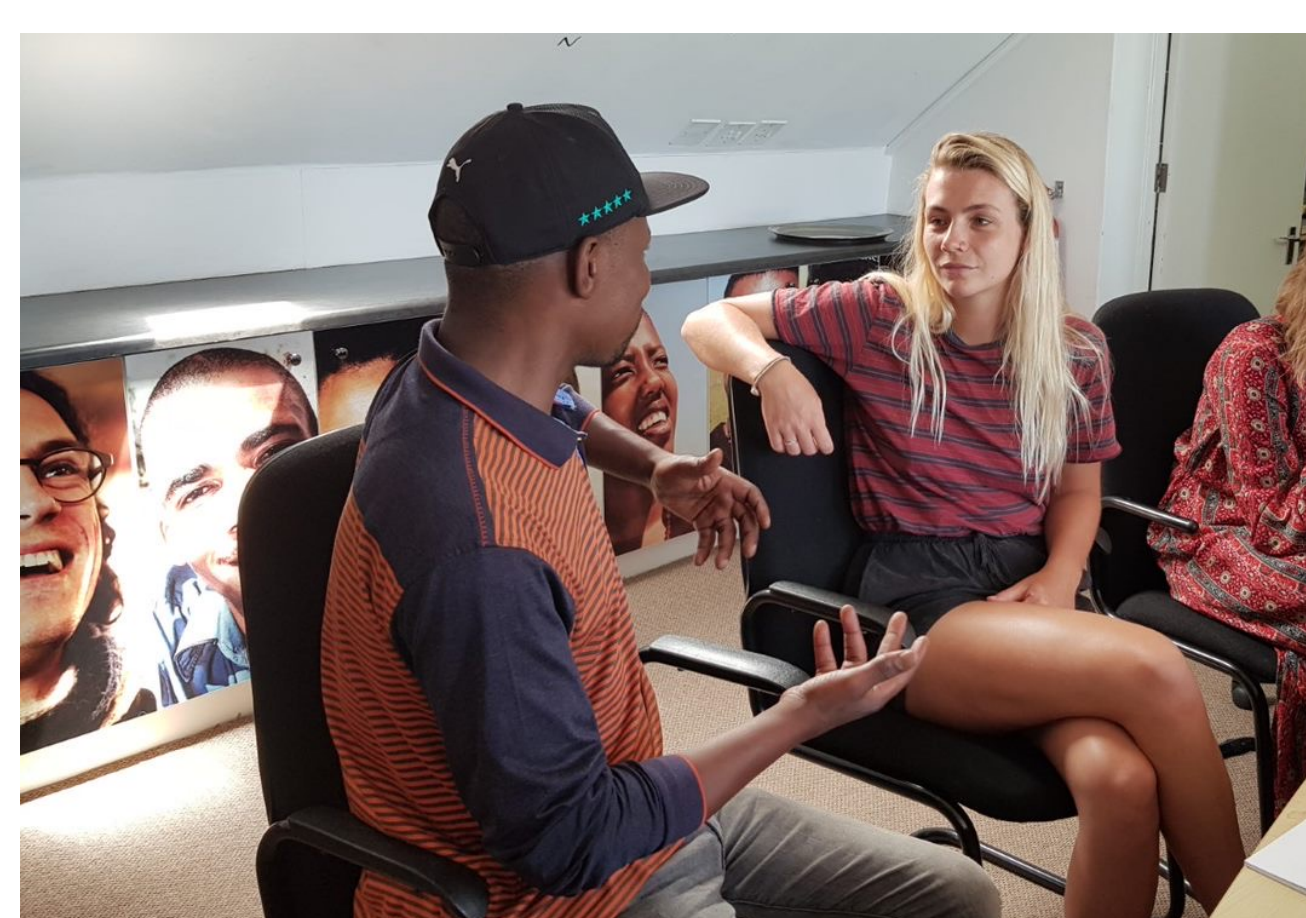


Leiden-Delft-Erasmus
Universities

Frugal Innovation for Sustainable Global Development

Frugal innovation is about innovation processes that take account of and aim to overcome resource constraints in communities and societies. Think of societies or communities where poverty prevails and/or settings of over exploitation of (natural) resources, which lead to environmental degradation and climate change. Frugal innovations aim to combine less use of (scarce) resources while maintaining and/or improving affordability, basic functionalities and an optimized performance.

Find out more here:



Highlights of these minors

- Contact with students and lecturers in Africa and abroad
- Challenge-based and innovative assignments
- Field study/assignment abroad or in the Netherlands
- Focus on international global Development Agendas
- Lead agency African Studies Center Leiden
- Active alumni network.

Reasons for choosing an LDE minor

1. Joint education programs provided by three top universities
2. Urgent social issues and new potential solutions
3. Lecturers and students from a range of specialisms
4. Case studies from businesses, government and NGOs
5. Establish a global academic network



Student testimonials

- "I was trying to decide between doing an exchange, internship or minor – this minor contains elements of all three."
- "Being in teams with students from the different universities made the process and the result so much more interesting and complete."
- "The interaction between students from different disciplines was fun, as you get to know many different ways of tackling one problem."
- "The first word that pops into mind when thinking of the LDE Minor Frugal Innovation is community. From day one you are warmly welcomed and embedded into the community of Frugal Thinkers and Executers."
- "Besides the fact that the African Dynamics minor has numerous extremely knowledgeable professors and lots of interesting courses and assignments, the minor is also very focused on bonding and mingling during and after class. I have never felt more welcome than I have during the last few months."