

# GRASSROOTS FINANCE

## in Africa and the Developing World

Course for Spring 2019: CAS IR 593

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Over two billion people live outside the formal financial sector. This course investigates how finance actually works at the grassroots level in developing economies, often outside of formal banking systems. It offers a comparative and cross-cultural examination of how technology, regulation, and customs affect lending, borrowing, and transferring money.



We explore informal economies and their complex relationships with the formal sector, and novel forms of digital finance such as mobile money that offer financial access to the unbanked. New technologies and modes of cooperation promise to introduce novel modes of financial management and create the promise of a more inclusive financial system that supports development and human security.

