Advanced Development Economics
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Exam / ECTS
In order to earn ECTS credits, each student must present two articles in the tutorials (selected from the literature under the tutorials section) and pass an exam at the end of the course. Please select the two articles for your presentations from the tutorial list below (see highlighted section), and state your preferences here: http://bit.ly/1llCs18. Each paper can only be presented once – please make sure your preference doesn’t conflict with another person. The exam is at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 20, 2014.

Presentations
Each presentation should be approx. 20 minutes. As a guideline, the grade for the presentation is based on a discussion of:

- Context and background
- Data
- Methodology
- Implications and conclusion
- Your thoughts

Please bring your presentation on a USB stick. We will have a computer and laser pointer and clicker.

Purpose
This course provides an in-depth analysis of current research in selected critical issues in development economics at the graduate level. The course covers topics on methodological aspects of poverty measurement and policy evaluation and presents new directions of research in macro-economic and micro-economic aspects of development. Particular emphasis is given to the use of experimental approaches in research.
Some familiarity with development issues (e.g., Entwicklungsökonomik I, II, or III) as well as background in micro and macro theory and empirical economics is highly desirable. The course is open to Ph.D. students in economics, applied statistics, agricultural economics as well as M.A. students in international economics.

**General readings**

**Schedule**

| 1.  | Economics of Global Health 1                      | Vollmer | 01.09 09:00-10:30 |
| 2.  | Economics of Global Health 2                      | Vollmer | 01.09 11:00-12:30 |
| 3.  | Long-Run Development 1                            | Vollmer | 01.09 14:00-15:30 |
| 4.  | Long-Run Development 2                            | Vollmer | 01.09 16:00-17:30 |
| 5.  | Measuring Development                              | Klasen  | 02.09 09:00-10:30 |
| 6.  | Macro Vicious Cycles                              | Klasen  | 02.09 11:00-12:30 |
|     | Tutorial 1: Economics of Global Health            | -       | 02.09 14:00-15:30 |
| 7.  | Growth, Inequality and Poverty                    | Klasen  | 03.09 09:00-10:30 |
| 8.  | Gender Bias                                       | Klasen  | 03.09 11:00-12:30 |
|     | Tutorial 2: Long-Run Development                  | -       | 03.09 14:00-15:30 |
|     | Tutorial 3: Measurement and Vicious Cycles        | -       | 04.09 09:00-10:30 |
|     | Tutorial 4: Poverty and Gender Bias               | -       | 04.09 11:00-12:30 |
| 9.  | Behavioral Development Economics                  | Ibanez  | 05.09 09:00-10:30 |
| 10. | Why Experiment                                    | Ibanez  | 05.09 11:00-12:30 |
|     | Tutorial 5: Experimental Development Econ.        | -       | 05.09 14:00-15:30 |
| 11. | Risk Sharing                                      | Ibanez  | 08.09 09:00-10:30 |
| 12. | Designing and conducting experiments              | Ibanez  | 08.09 11:00-12:30 |
|     | Tutorial 6: Microeconomic perspectives            | -       | 08.09 14:00-15:30 |
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Literature

Read these three overview papers before the Global Health lectures

1. Economics of Global Health 1 (Vollmer)

2. Economics of Global Health 2 (Vollmer)

Tutorial: Economics of Global Health

Read these three overview papers before the Long-Run Development lectures
3. **Long-Run Development 1 (Vollmer)**


**Tutorial: Long-Run Development**


4. **Long-Run Development 2 (Vollmer)**


**Tutorial: Long-Run Development**


5. **Measuring Development (Klasen)**

**Lecture:**


Ravallion and Chen (2008) The developing world is poorer than we thought but no less successful in fighting poverty, Quarterly Journal of Economics


Klasen, S. Levels and trends in absolute poverty in the world: What we know and what we don’t


**Tutorial:**

Alkire and Santos: Acute multidimensional poverty: A new index for developing countries


Rippin, N. Integrating inter-personal inequality in counting indices of multidimensional poverty

6. Macro Vicious Cycles (Klasen)
Lecture:
Basu, ch. 2*
Ray ch. 5*

Tutorial:

7. Growth, Inequality and Poverty Linkages (Klasen)
Lecture:


Tutorial:


8. Gender Bias (Klasen)
Lecture:


**Tutorial:**


9. **Behavioral Development Economics (Ibanez)**

**Lecture:**


10. **Why and How to experiment (Ibanez)**

**Lecture:**


Croson, R. Why and how to experiment: Methodologies from Experimental Economics.


11. **Risk Sharing(Ibanez)**

**Lecture:**


Dercon, S. 2005 Insurance against poverty. Oxford University Press, USA

12. Designing and conducting experiments (Ibanez)

Lecture
Croson, R. Why and how to experiment: Methodologies from Experimental Economics.
Fiore, A. 2009. Experimental Economics: Some Methodological Notes