

Theories of Economic Development

Economics 855

Section: G100

Term: 2013 Spring

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Discussion Topics:

The aim of the course is to introduce you to the exciting and quickly evolving field of development economics. The course will focus on both the micro foundations, emphasizing various market and information imperfections, and the macro picture and will combine economic theory with data analysis. Our goal will be to try to understand how the development process works, why some countries are so poor while others are so rich, and whether policy reforms can make a difference. Some of the topics that will be covered include: inequality; coordination failures; social capital; political economy, property rights; land, labor, financial and insurance markets in developing countries; foreign aid and globalization, as well as the effects of government policies and economic institutions on the development process. There will be a list of papers to be covered in class which will be available electronically or placed on reserve in the library. As a background (not required) reading one could use: Ray, D., 1998, Development Economics, Princeton University Press, NJ, USA.

Grading:

- Class participation and presentation of an assigned article: 25%
- Final: 45%
- Term paper: 30%

Required Texts:

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite:

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