

SYLLABUS

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| Name of the course: | DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION | | | |
| Teacher: | Pierluigi CONZO | | | |
| University / organisation: | University of Turin | | | |
| Language of teaching: | English | | | |
| ECTS: | 6 | | | |
| Semester (S1, S2, S3 or S4): | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S1 | <input type="checkbox"/> S2 | <input type="checkbox"/> S3 | <input type="checkbox"/> S4 |
| Teaching method(s): | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture courses | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flipped classroom | |
| | Other: | Streaming classes (recorded and available online). | | |
| Type(s) of evaluation: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sitting exam | | <input type="checkbox"/> Written report | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral defence | | <input type="checkbox"/> Group project | |
| | Other / comments: | | | |
| Expected deadline(s) for the evaluation(s) | Regular exam sessions | | | |
| Expected date of final results: | Regular exam sessions | | | |
| Summary of the content: | <p>The first part of the course (11 lectures of 2h each) will cover traditional topics in development economics including measuring development (GDP, GNI, PPP, HDI, etc.), comparative economic development, convergence hypothesis, poverty (Headcount index, poverty lines, poverty gap) and poverty traps, growth theories (Rostow, Harrod-Domar, Lewis and Solow), population dynamics (Malthusian poverty trap, demographic transitions and fertility), inequality (Gini, Lorenz, Kuznets) and migration (Todaro).</p> <p>The second part of the course (7 lectures of 2h each) will focus on theoretical and practical issues related to microfinance including the characteristics of credit markets in development countries, why these markets often fail and how the incentive schemes proposed by microfinance projects might mitigate market failures. In the second part of the course introductory notions of counterfactual impact evaluation as well as of behavioural/experimental economics will be provided in the specific context of microfinance and project evaluation. Case studies will be presented as potential applications of such concepts.</p> <p>A detailed syllabus containing the list of lecture days and topics will be uploaded at the beginning of the course.</p> | | | |
| Indicative list of lectures: | <p>#18 streaming classes</p> <p>PART 1: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>1 Introduction to the course and to development economics</p> <p>2 Comparative economic development (1)</p> | | | |

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| | <p>3 Comparative economic development (2) 4 Poverty, inequality and development (1) 5 Poverty, inequality and development (2) 6 Poverty, inequality and development (3) 7 Growth theories (1) 8 Growth theories (2) 9 Growth theories (3) 10 Population and development 11 Migration and development</p> <p>PART 2: MICROFINANCE + PROJECT EVALUATION 12 Financial exclusion and microfinance in developing countries 13 Credit market failures 14 How microfinance kicks in to the credit market failures 15 General methods for impact evaluation (applied to microfinance) 16 General methods for impact evaluation (applied to microfinance) 17 Behavioural/experimental methods (social preferences and lab experiments) 18 Case studies: Foundations of human sociality / Microfinance and Trust in Buenos Aires suburbs / Tsunami and altruism</p> |
| <p>Short bibliography:</p> | <p>PART 1 - Todaro, M. P., & Smith, S. C. (2015). Economic development. Boston: PearsonAddison Wesley - Banerjee, A. V, & Duflo, E. (2012). Poor Economics. Penguin Books.</p> <p>PART 2 - Armendáriz, B., & Morduch, J. (2010). The Economics of Microfinance. MIT Press. Further details and additional material will be provided in each lecture. ** Note: a detailed syllabus with all the topics and the specific book chapters (and pages) to study will be uploaded at the beginning of the course.</p> |