

EC4041 Development Economics – Module A

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Assignment

The assignment consists of writing a referee report on a paper chosen from the reading list (starred papers ONLY). The report should provide a critical analysis of the paper, highlighting possible drawbacks, discussing links to the literature presented in class and proposing extensions. Students are also encouraged to use other sources, such as related papers and textbooks, to evaluate the chosen article. The report (min. 1000 words, max 1500 words) will account for 15% of the overall grade.

The report should NOT consist of a summary of the article. The purpose of the assignment is to give you the possibility to critically evaluate an article and, possibly, to put forward your own ideas about extensions.

The deadline for the submission of the project will be 12 pm, Friday, 16th January 2009. Late submissions will incur a severe penalty.

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Reading list

1. Household Economics

Bardhan and Udry, Chapter 2
Esther Duflo, 2003. "[Grandmothers and Granddaughters: Old-Age Pensions and Intrahousehold Allocation in South Africa](#)," *World Bank Economic Review*, Oxford University Press, vol. 17(1), pages 1-25, June.
Thomas, D., 1989. "[Intra-Household Resource Allocation: An Inferential Approach](#)," *Papers* 586, Yale - Economic Growth Center.
Ashraf, Nava. "[Spousal Control and Intra-Household Decision Making: An Experimental Study in the Philippines](#)." (forthcoming, 2008) *American Economic Review*.

*Hoffmann, V. "Demand, retention, and intra-household allocation of free and purchased mosquito nets", (forthcoming, 2009) *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*.

*Nancy Qian, 2008. "[Missing Women and the Price of Tea in China: The Effect of Sex-Specific Earnings on Sex Imbalance](#)," *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, MIT Press, vol. 123(3), pages 1251-1285, August.

*Esther Duflo & Christopher Udry, 2004. "[Intrahousehold Resource Allocation in Cote d'Ivoire: Social Norms, Separate Accounts and Consumption Choices](#)," NBER Working Papers 10498, National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.

2. Credit

Ray, Chapter 14

Bardhan and Udry, Chapter 7

Maitreesh Ghatak & Timothy W. Guinnane, 1999. "[The Economics of Lending with Joint Liability: Theory and Practice](#)," *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol.60, No.1, October 1999.

Morduch, Jonathan, 1999. "[The role of subsidies in microfinance: evidence from the Grameen Bank](#)," *Journal of Development Economics*, Elsevier, vol. 60(1), pages 229-248, October.

*Gine, Xavier, Jakiela, Pamela, Karlan, Dean S. and Morduch, Jonathan, Microfinance Games(June 2006). Yale University Economic Growth Center Discussion Paper No. 936

*Sudipta Sarangi & Gautam Hararika, . "[Household Access to Microcredit and Child Work in Rural Malawi](#)," Departmental Working Papers 2006-08, Department of Economics, Louisiana State University.

*Eliana La Ferrara, 2003. "[Kin Groups and Reciprocity: A Model of Credit Transactions in Ghana](#)," *American Economic Review*, American Economic Association, vol. 93(5), pages 1730-1751, December.

3. Insurance

Ray, Chapter 15

*Dubois, Pierre, 2006. "[Heterogeneity of Preferences, Limited Commitment and Coalitions: Empirical Evidence on the Limits to Risk Sharing in Rural Pakistan](#)," CEPR Discussion Papers 6004, C.E.P.R. Discussion Papers.

*Fafchamps, Marcel & Gubert, Flore, 2007. "[The formation of risk sharing networks](#)," *Journal of Development Economics*, Elsevier, vol. 83(2), pages 326-350, July.

4. Land

Ray, Chapter 12

Bardhan and Udry, Chapter 6

*Karlan, Dean & Gine, Xavier & Ashraf, Nava, 2008. "[Finding missing markets \(and a disturbing epilogue\): evidence from an export crop adoption and marketing intervention in Kenya](#)," Policy Research Working Paper Series 4477, The World Bank.

5. Civil War

Collier, Paul & Hoeffler, Anke, 1998. "[On Economic Causes of Civil War](#)," *Oxford Economic Papers*, Oxford University Press, vol. 50(4), pages 563-73, October.

Paul Collier & Anke Hoeffler, 2004. "[Greed and Grievance in Civil War](#)," Development and Comp Systems 0409007, EconWPA.

- *Edward Miguel, Shanker Satyanath, and Ernest Sergenti, 2004. "[Economic Shocks and Civil Conflict: An Instrumental Variables Approach](#)," *Journal of Political Economy*, University of Chicago Press, vol. 112(4), pages 725-753, August.
- *Oeindrila Dube & Juan Fernando Vargas, 2006. "[Resource curse in reverse: The coffee crisis and armed conflict in Colombia](#)," DOCUMENTOS CEDE 003460, UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES-CEDE.
- * Elizabeth Levy Paluck, 2007. "[Reducing intergroup prejudice and conflict with the media: A field experiment in Rwanda](#)," HiCN Working Papers 34, Households in Conflict Network.
- *Paul Collier & Pedro C. Vicente, 2008. "[Votes and Violence: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Nigeria](#)," HiCN Working Papers 50, Households in Conflict Network.
- *Jose G. Montalvo & Marta Reynal-Querol, 2007. "[Fighting against Malaria: Prevent Wars while Waiting for the "Miraculous" Vaccine](#)," *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, MIT Press, vol. 89(1), pages 165-177, 01.