

ECP77124 — Topics in Development Economics

Module Information	
Module Code	ECP77124
Module Title	Topics in Development Economics
Department	Economics
Module Personnel	Prof. Gaia Narciso
Academic Year	2026-27
Credit Weighting	5 credits
Semester	Semester 2
Contact Hours	One 2-hour lecture per week, one tutorial per week (3 tutorials in total)

Module Content	
Module Description	The module will cover recent contributions in the field of Development Economics.
Module Learning Aims	The module will cover recent contributions in the field of Development Economics. After a brief introduction on RCTs, we will study how informal markets operate in developing countries and discuss the functioning of the credit sector, with a detailed analysis of microcredit and its development. Next, we will cover issues related to health, both in terms of demand and supply, in a developing country context. We will then cover recent work in the field of migration, with a focus on the role of information in migrants' interactions with their transnational networks. Finally, we will analyse recent contributions on the role of media and big data in development. Throughout the module there will be a strong emphasis on experimental settings. Active participation of students will be sought.
Learning Outcomes	On completion of the course, students will be able to: 1. Exposit and critically appraise recent contributions to the field of Development Economics;

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	2. Use appropriately the main techniques and methodologies employed in the field of Development Economics; 3. Propose original research ideas in the field of Development Economics.
Indicative Reading / Resources	There is no single reference textbook for this first part of the module. Lectures will be mostly based on a set of papers. You can find the list of relevant references, divided by topic, at the end of this document. Please note that some minor changes might still take place during the term (you will be informed in case that happens). Additional material might be mentioned in class and additional references will be provided in the lecture slides. Lecture slides will be made available on Blackboard before each lecture

Assessment

Assessment Components	At the end of the term there will be a final IN PERSON exam, which will count for 70% of your grade. The remaining 30% will be based on continuous assessments, based on a group presentation (10%) and a research proposal (20%).
Assessment Details	Assessment Details will be provided in class.

Additional Information

Prerequisites	<i>None</i>
Co-requisites	<i>None</i>
Any other information	