



Topics in Development Economics | ECP77124

Year	1
ECTS Credits	5
Contact Hours	10 hours of lectures and 5 hours of tutorials
Pre-Requisite	Nil
Semester	2
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Module Outline:

The course will cover recent contributions in the field of Development Economics. We will study how informal markets operate in developing countries and we will 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 for health and supply of health in a developing country context. We will then cover recent work conducted in the field of migration, with a focus on the role of information between migrants and their transnational networks. Finally, we will analyse recent contributions on the role of media in development. Throughout the course there will be a strong emphasis on experimental settings. Active participation of students will be sought.

Module 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;
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.

Assessment:

The overall grade for the course is based on the end-of-year examination (50%) plus one research proposal and a presentation (50%).

Recommended Reading List:

This module will cover state-of-the-art contributions in the fields of Development Economics. A detailed reading list will follow.