ECO 616 Development Economics II

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This class contributes to the fulfillment of requirements for the development field for Economics Ph.D. students at the University of Maryland.

Pre-requisites: Graduate level micro-economics and econometrics are required for this class (ECO 603, 604, 623 and 624 or their equivalent).

Requirements: An essential requirement of the class is the mandatory paper readings. There will be one paper assigned for every lecture. You must read this paper extremely carefully. We will discuss this paper at length in class. Instead of presenting details of the paper, we will assume everyone has read it and discuss specific details of the paper. Cold-calling should be expected and participation will be required. Participation in class discussion regarding these readings will count for 30% of the grade. A final, which covers the entire class, will count for 50% of the grade, to be held in the final exam period. The remaining 20% will come from a referee report due two on April 7th, 2009. More details on that assignment to follow.

To sign up for my office hours, please follow the instructions on my website in the section “Office hours”. While this implies a little bit of work at the onset where each of you has to sign up, it will facilitate coordination as the semester progresses. All class materials will be posted on the “Blackboard” website.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Development, Trade, Institutions and Politics Seminar, which meets on Mondays, from 3:30 to 5:00PM. The Labor Economics and Public Finance Seminar, which meets on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00PM, may also be of interest.

General readings

BOOKS:


Articles on methods:


1. Introduction (1 lecture)


2. Health (4 lectures)


Thomas, Duncan et al. (2003), “Iron deficiency and the well-being of older adults: Early results from a randomized nutrition intervention,” *mimeo*.


Deaton, Angus, and Jean Dreze, “Nutrition in India: Facts and Interpretations”, *Princeton University Manuscript*.


**Feb. 10: NO REQUIRED READING**


3. Education (2 lectures)


4. Labor Markets and Migration (2 lectures)


Schultz, Theodore W. “The Doctrine of Agricultural Labor of Zero Value,”


5. Gender and Marriage Markets (2 lectures)


6. Technology Adoption (2 Lectures)


7. Land (4 Lectures)


Berry, Albert and William Cline (1979), *Agrarian structure and productivity in developing countries: a study prepared for the International Labour Office within the framework of the World Employment Programme*, Baltimore : Johns Hopkins University Press, 248 pages.


8. Credit and savings (6 Lectures)


April 21: Banerjee, Abhijit and Esther Duflo (2004), "Do Firms Want to Borrow More? Testing Credit Constraints Using a Directed Lending Program," mimeo, MIT


9. Insurance and consumption smoothing (2 Lectures)


10. Growth (4 Lectures)


