

International Economics

Academic year 2018 - 2019

Topics in Resource and Development Economics

EI072- Autumn- 6 ECTS

Course Description

This seminar course is for students on the PhD programs in Economics, and also an elective for advanced masters students interested in the field of resource economics. It is a seminar program in which the professors provide one week of lecture, and students then present papers to the group in the field of study. In the second half of the course the students present a topic of their own choice in the seminar - indicative of the area in which they intend to do research. The course does assume an undergraduate degree knowledge of economics.

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Syllabus

There are two parts to the course: A and B.

Part A of the course is comprised of four parts – each consisting of two weeks – in which a topic is presented in the first week by the lecturer and then two papers are discussed by students in the seminar occurring during the following week.

The four sessions of Part A the course are as follows:

S1: Envirodevonomics

Dr. Joelle Noailly

S2: Adaptation in Agriculture

Prof. Salvatore DiFalco

S3: Political Economy and Development

Prof. Jeremy Lucchetti

S4: Population and Land Use

Prof. Tim Swanson

In **Part B** of the course, the students will each present a paper or papers of their own choice. In the first four weeks, they will elect a topic, and a pair of recent publications (2 or 3) and send these to the course convenor (Prof. Tim Swanson) in order to secure approval for the topic. They will then prepare a presentation of no more than 20 slides for presentation in 35 minutes of a seminar session.

Evaluation and Course Requirements

Students on the course are required to read the papers each week in advance of the student presentations and seminars – in order to be able to discuss these papers and the general issues raised by the lecturer in the previous week's seminar. All papers are listed on Moodle under the title of Topics in Resource and Development Economics, and all are readily accessible via the internet.

Each student should be prepared to make 2 presentations during the course of the semester – one of a paper assigned by one of the lecturers and one presentation on papers of their choice. Sign-ups for these presentations shall occur in the first week of the course, so students should be in attendance during the first week and prepared to select their topics.

There is no examination in the course – marks are given for the presentations by the student and for participation in others' seminar presentations. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory – if only as a courtesy to your fellow students.