Course Description

The objective of this course is to provide students with an in-depth coverage of the most relevant topics in development macroeconomics. The seminar is for PhD students. Classes consist of presentations and critical discussions on selected articles.

Syllabus

Grading

The course grade will be based on a closed book final exam (60% of the grade), quality of class presentations (25% of the grade), and class participation (15% of the grade). The exam will take place on Monday, October 28. Students are responsible for all the material covered in class.

OUTLINE

Lecture 1. Introduction: Economic Growth and Development (September 23)

- Required Readings:
**Optional Readings:**


**Lecture 2. Institutions and Democracy (September 30)**

**Required Readings:**


**Optional Readings:**


Lecture 3. **Standard Models of Culture (October 7)**

- **Required Readings**:

- **Optional Readings**:

Lecture 4. Inequality (October 14)

- Required Readings:

- Optional Readings:

Lecture 5. Poverty Traps (October 21)

- Required Readings:


- **Optional Readings:**

**Lecture 6. Final Exam (October 28)**