Development Economics
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Syllabus

Reference books are:
*Development Economics*, Debraj Ray; Princeton University Press
*Microdevelopment Economics* by Pranab Bardhan and Christopher Udry;
*Quantitative Development Economics* by Alain De Janvry and Betty Saez.

Extra teaching material is provided below.
An interesting site for the course by Banjee and Duflo: [http://pooreconomics.com/](http://pooreconomics.com/)

Students are asked to prepare a weekly homework. The grade will be based on the evaluation of a scientific term paper of not less than 15 pages excluding tables.

### 1. Economic Development and Growth: an introduction and selected topics

#### 1.1 History and Development
- Income polarization and property rights
- History, property rights and development

#### 1.2 Human capital, Social capital, education and growth
- The role of human and social capital
- Education, technological change and labor MKT
- Learning by doing, human capital and technical change

**Suggested Readings**
2. Inequality, Poverty and Development

2.1 Inequality, poverty and human development
- Inequality, welfare and poverty measurement
- Multidimensional inequality, functionings and capabilities

2.1 Equality of opportunity, education and development
- The Roemer approach to EOp
- Inequality, growth and social mobility
- Democracy, education and social mobility

Suggested Readings

3. Household Economics and Dual Sector Models

3.1 Household Economics
- Household models
- Household Enterprise and development

Suggested Readings

3.2 Dual Models: rural-urban migration
• Dual Economy
• Dualism and Migration

Suggested Readings
• BJ Riadh, 2009 “Rural-Urban Migration: On The Harris-Todaro Model”.- arab-api.org

4. Land and inequality: contracts and incentives,

4.1 Land reform and property rights
• Property rights on land and economic development
• Land reform, property rights and the Social Doctrine of the Church

4.2 Sharecropping, Risk and incentives
• Property rights and informational rents
• Land markets and contracts
• Sharecropping and risk sharing

Suggested Readings

5. Labor Market: Failures and efficiency
• Labor Market Failures Incomplete labor markets
• A Theory of Two-tier Labor Markets
• Inequality as a determinant of malnutrition and unemployment

6. Credit Markets
• Access to capital and Agrarian Organisation
• Transaction costs and agrarian institutions
• Credit rationing in developing countries

Suggested readings
7. Impact evaluation of large development projects: the case study of the Jenin sustainable industrial area