

Syllabus: Political Economy of Development: G8412 (Fall 2009)

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Overview

This class provides an introduction to contemporary research on the political economy of development. The major questions to be addressed by the course are: How central is politics to economic development? How do political institutions determine policy choices? How do economic structures in turn impact on politics? Why do governments employ policies that hinder development? Why do seemingly inefficient institutions survive? What accounts for political accountability? How important are international effects relative to domestic features? One of the aims of the discussion in the class will be to test abstract theories of development using in-depth knowledge of cases, and to further our understanding of cases by applying lessons from theoretical and statistical work.

1 Big Picture

- 1.1 14 SEPT ECONOMIC GROWTH: APPROACHES AND PATTERNS
- 1.2 21 SEPT HISTORICAL LEGACIES
- 1.3 28 SEPT STATES
- 1.4 05 OCT INTERNATIONAL AID

2 Going Micro: New research on development political economy

- 2.1 12 OCT EXPERIMENTAL AND QUASI EXPERIMENTAL METHODS IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
- 2.2 19 OCT POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND INFORMATION
- 2.3 26 OCT REDISTRIBUTIVE POLICIES, CLIENTELISM AND CORRUPTION
- 2.4 09 NOV ETHNIC POLITICS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- 2.5 16 NOV VIOLENCE
- 2.6 23 NOV AID INTERVENTIONS AND PARTICIPATION
- 2.7 30 NOV ENVIRONMENT AND POLITICS

3 Topics Menu (Two of which are to be selected by the class)

- 3.1 SOME DEBATES
- 3.2 RIVAL GOALS, RIVAL PATHS
- 3.3 INEQUALITY
- 3.4 MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
- 3.5 TRADE POLICY
- 3.6 BEING A DICTATOR
- 3.7 THE POLITICS OF PRIVATIZATION AND INVESTMENT
- 3.8 LEGAL REFORM
- 3.9 AGRICULTURE
- 3.10 HEALTH
- 3.11 LEADERS AND DECISION MAKING

Requirements

To do now: Fill up this form before **Wednesday 16 September:**

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dE5xTnNnSEZOcHpONUJFMEhleW44c0E6MA..>

1. Reading: The Syllabus lists both required reading and further reading. You will be expected to have completed all the required readings before class to the point where you can be called on to critique or defend any reading.

The reading loads are not especially heavy but some of the readings are hard. You should aim to read them carefully and reflectively. Before approaching each reading think about what the key questions are for the week and about how the questions from this week relate to what you know from previous weeks. Then skim over the reading to get a sense of the themes it covers, and, before reading further, jot down what questions you hope the reading will be able to answer for you. Next, read the introduction and conclusion. This is normally enough to get a sense of the big picture. Ask yourself: Are the claims in the text surprising? Do you believe them? Can you think of examples of places that do not seem consistent with the logic of the argument? Is the reading answering the questions you hoped it would answer? If not, is it answering more or less interesting questions than you had thought of? Next ask yourself: What types of evidence or arguments would you need to see in order to be convinced of the results? Now read through the whole text, checking as you go through how the arguments used support the claims of the author. It is rare to find a piece of writing that you agree with entirely. So, as you come across issues that you are not convinced by, write them down and bring them along to class for discussion. Also note when you are pleasantly surprised, when the author produced a convincing argument that you had not thought of. In all cases you are encouraged to download this data, replicate results and use it to probe and test the arguments you bring to class.

2. Group replication and presentations (25%). You will be expected to participate in seminars each week. In general you should come prepared to argue and defend your responses to the readings. In addition we will organize the group into a set of about four “replication teams” — RTs. One RT is assigned to each week’s readings and is charged with identifying a dataset associated with the readings (or from elsewhere) and to engage in a replication and extension exercise. These exercises involve replicating the results as reported, checking results for robustness, and extending analysis where appropriate, for example to examine subsets of the data, extended models and so on. The RTs are responsible for sending the class, by the Friday before class, a zip file containing their tables, a dataset and a replication do file, preferably in STATA, and written so that other students can run analysis without further editing. The RTs will be expected to give a short presentation in class (15 minutes) and to be able to engage in real time analysis in response to class discussion. Each student should expect to engage in three to four such RT presentations. Doing this well means preparing early; if authors have not made their data available you will have to contact them for their data which can take time; moreover while most analyses will be fairly simple, it can sometimes take a while to “get to know” a dataset to the point that you can run such analyses quickly.

3. Develop Country Expertise (5%): We expect that you will become our class expert for one country. Insofar as possible you should choose a country that you are not already familiar with and that exhibits features unlike countries that you are already an expert of. For each of the topics that we will look at you should read up especially on the situation for your country for that topic. In developing this expertise you will be able to get more out of the readings, and you will also be a resource for the rest of the class who will then be able to call on you for your evaluation of the situation in your country.

4. Referee Reports (2×15%). You will be expected to write two referee reports on two of the readings on the syllabus. These reports should be written **before** we discuss these papers in class. **One should be from the first section and is due by 12 October; the second is from the other sections and is due 30 November.** These are typically around 3 pages long, they should summarize in a paragraph the core contention of the paper and then critique key aspects of the results, indicating whether the paper should or should not be published and what revisions are required to improve it. The best response papers, going beyond the call of duty, replicate results and submit them to robustness tests. These reports can easily form the basis of your seminar paper.

5. Written Assignments (40%). You will be expected to write a single 20-30 page research paper displaying original research and probing in depth one of the themes of the course and due on 10 December 2009. These research papers will contain (i) a theoretical argument, engaging with one of the key themes of the course, (ii) an empirical test of that argument and (iii) a discussion of policy prescriptions resulting from the argument. The empirical part does not have to be quantitative but it does have to constitute a genuine test of your argument.

Syllabus

1 Big Picture

1.1 **14 Sept** Economic Growth: Approaches and Patterns

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4. Daniel Berger "Taxes, Institutions and Local Governance: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Colonial Nigeria" <http://homepages.nyu.edu/~db1299/Nigeria.pdf>

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- Walter Rodney 1973. *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*.
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- Donald Davis and David Weinstein. (2002). "Bones, Bombs, and Breakpoints: The Geography of Economic Activity", *American Economic Review*, 92(5). <http://www.columbia.edu/~drd28/BBB.pdf>
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- Acemoglu and Robinson. Institutions as a fundamental cause of long run growth http://www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~jrobinson/researchpapers/publishedpapers/jr_institutioncause.pdf

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1. Hendrik Spruyt. War, trade, and state formation. in the *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*
2. Herbst, Jeffrey. 2000. States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press. pp 3 - 58
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Further Reading

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- Przeworski, Adam, Michael E. Alvarez, Jose Antonio Cheibub and Fernando Limongi. 2000. *Democracy and Development. Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990*. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press.
- Geddes, Barbara. 1999. 'What Do We Know About Democratization After Twenty Years?' *Annual Review of Political Science*. 2: 115-144.
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3. William Easterly and Tobias Pfutze, "Where Does the Money Go? Best and Worst Practices in Foreign Aid" *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 22, No.2, Spring 2008. http://www.nyu.edu/fas/institute/dri/Easterly/File/Where_Does_Money_Go.pdf
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- Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf and N. Oppenheimer (2008). [Aid Is Good, Business Is Better](#). IHT.
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2.2 **19 Oct** Political accountability and Information

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2. Tim Besley and Robin Burgess. (2002). "The Political Economy of Government Responsiveness: Theory and Evidence from India", *QJE*, 117(4).
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<http://econ.lse.ac.uk/staff/tbesley/papers/justrewards.pdf>
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2. Leonard Wantchekon, "[Clientelism and Voting Behavior: A Field Experiment in Benin.](http://www.nyu.edu/gsas/dept/politics/faculty/wantchekon/research/client.pdf)" <http://www.nyu.edu/gsas/dept/politics/faculty/wantchekon/research/client.pdf>
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2 Nov University Holiday: Final paper designs should be handed in by today

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2.5 **16 Nov** Violence

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2.7 **30 Nov** Environment and politics

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