Development Economics
Collegio Carlo Alberto - Summer 2023

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Lecture schedule below

Course Description:
This course presents an overview of topics in Development Economics. This field studies issues related to developing countries: the possible reasons why some countries are poor and others rich - geography, history, institutions, culture; the progress that we have seen over the last century and potential interventions - urbanization, trade, health, education; and some of the challenges currently faced - corruption, conflict. The course provides a broad look at these issues through guided reading of a mix of seminal books and papers.

Pre-requisites:
Econometrics I
Applied Economics

Grades:
Online Test (50%)
Presentation (50%)
Outline and reading list (*required)

1. **Introduction**
   *Zoom lecture, date TBD*


2. **Geography and History**
   *Monday May 22, 10-12*

   *Jared Diamond (1998) Guns, Germs and Steel, Chapter 10 (+ Preface & Prologue)*


   Dell (2011) “The Persistent Effects of Peru's Mining Mita”. *Econometrica*


### 3. Culture and Institutions

*Wednesday May 24, 16-18*

*Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson (2012) Why Nations Fail, Chapters 1 & 2 (+ Preface)*


*Alesina and Giuliano (2015) "Culture and Institutions" (Sections 1 and 2). *Journal of Economic Literature*


### 4. Trade, Urbanization and Migration

*Friday May 26, 10-12*

*Pietra Rivoli (2005) The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy, (Chapters 6, 7, 8 + Prologue)*


5. **Health and Education**


*Abhijit V. Banerjee and Esther Duflo (2011) Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty, Chapters 1 & 4 (+ Foreword)


6. **Media, Corruption, and Conflict**


7. **Student Presentations**
   *Monday June 5, 10-12*