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| **Course Code** | | ECON4053 | | |
| **Course Title** | | Development Economics | | |
| **Course Convener** | | Dr. Jina Yu | | |
| **Course Instructor(s)** | | Dr. Jina Yu and Dr. Hao Shi | | |
| **Week** |  | **Chapter Title / Topic** | **Class Discussion** | **Homework Practice Questions** |
| 1 |  | Introducing Economic Development | The Strategy and Process of China's Economic Transition | At the end of lecture notes |
| 2 |  | Comparative Economic Development | Case study: Pakistan and Bangladesh | At the end of lecture notes |
| 3 |  | Classic Theories of Economic Growth and Development | The Solow neoclassical growth model, and the endogenous growth theory |  |
| 4 |  | Continued: Classic Theories of Economic Growth and Development | The Solow neoclassical growth model, and the endogenous growth theory | At the end of lecture notes |
| 5 |  | Poverty, Inequality, and Development | Inequality, Middle Income Trap and Political Reform in China's Transitional Period | At the end of lecture notes |
| 6 |  | Population Growth and Economic Development | Policy approaches on fertility | At the end of lecture notes |
| 7 |  | Urbanization and Rural-Urban Migration | The Formation, Evolution and Urbanization Process of China's Urban-Rural Dual System | At the end of lecture notes |
| 8 |  | Reading week |  |  |
| 9 |  | Education and Health in Economic Development | Social versus private benefits and costs of education | At the end of lecture notes |
| 10 |  | Agricultural Transformation and Rural Development | The role of women in agricultural economy | At the end of lecture notes |
| 11 |  | Natural Resources, Environment and Development | Sustainable development and economic growth | At the end of lecture notes |
| 12 |  | International Trade and Economic Development | China's foreign trade, foreign investment and full integration into the global economy | At the end of lecture notes |
| 13 |  | Balance of Payments, Debt, Financial Crises, and Stabilization Policies | Case study: Trade, capital flows, and development strategy: South Korea | At the end of lecture notes |
| 14 |  | Final Review and Oral presentation |  |  |

**Assignment 1: Questions are to be uploaded to I-Space in Week 5 and due on Friday, Week 7.**

**Assignment 2: Due on Friday, Week 13.**

**Detailed Assessment**

Class Participation 10%

Assignments (two, 10 each) 20%

Group Project 30%

Final Examination 40%

**Total 100%**

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