



南京大學商學院
NANJING UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL

Development Economics 发展经济学

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Course Information

- Time: Wednesday 18:30 p.m.- 20:20 p.m.
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- Location: Yi B Room 313
- Course website: teaching.applysquare.com
(invitation code **EETFUDXG**)
- Teaching assistants: Siying Lu
- A course in English! (partial Chinese)
- Don't be shy to speak and write!



Course Description

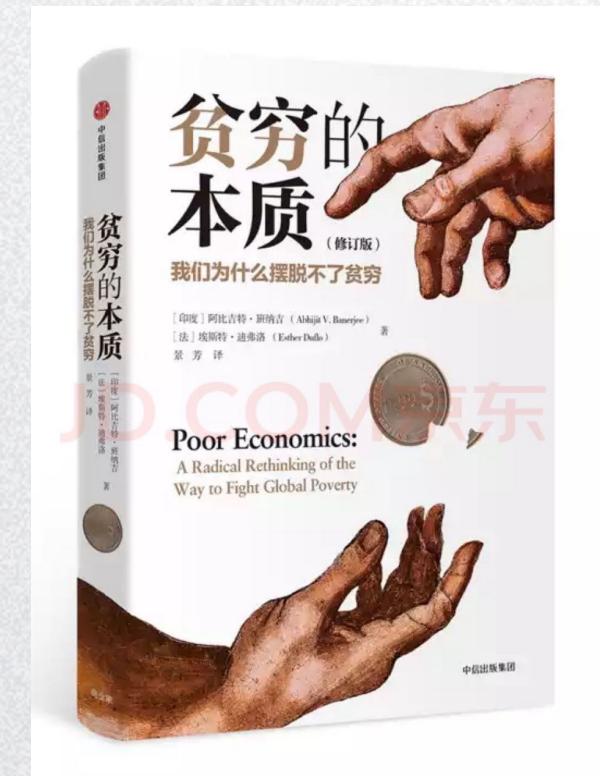
- Development Economics is a course involving economic problems and policies of those countries that have not yet reached the level of economic well being observed in the western world.

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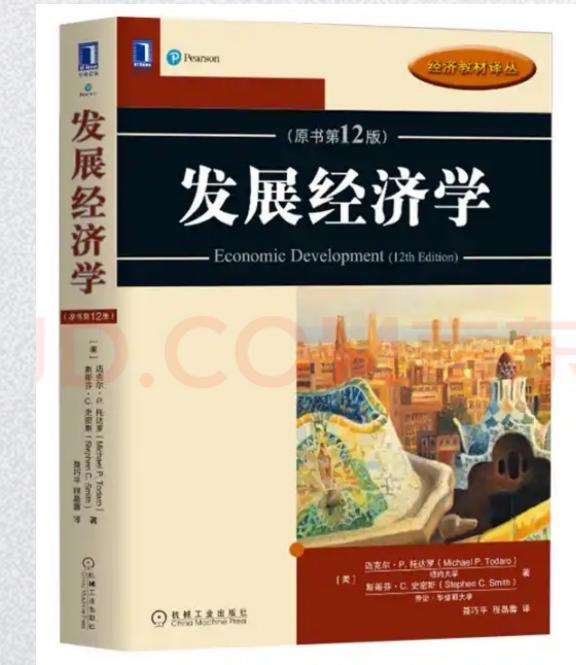
Course Description (Con't)

- At the completion of this course, students will be familiar with theories of development and their applications in the real world.
- Students will have a better understanding of a number of topics that shed light on the development process, including poverty, inequality, education, health, environment, and population issues.
- Students will also be trained to summarize the existing literature related to the theories learned in class and analyzing real world data.
- Students will also present their research results in class, which can improve their ability of public speaking and intellectual interactions.



Textbooks

- Michael Todaro & Stephen Smith, Economic Development,
英文注释版 11th edition, 电子工业出版社
- 郭熙保等, 《发展经济学》, 马克思主义理论研究和建设
工程重点教材, 高等教育出版社





Course Evaluation

- Attendance is **COMPULSORY**. **5%**
 - You will get full credit if you attend at least 12 lectures.
- In-class assignments: **10%**
 - No late assignments will be accepted.
- Group presentation: **25%**
 - 5-6 people make a group
 - Have a focused topic related to this course
 - Write a 10-15 page PPT in English (self-chosen topic, exclude references)
 - Present 10 minutes in English (optional)
- Final exam: **60%**
 - Closed notes (multiple choices, short answer questions)



Tentative Schedule

- Week 1: Sep 4
 - Chapter 1: Introducing Economic Development: A Global Perspective
- Week 2: Sep 10
 - Chapter 2: Comparative Economic Development
- Week 3: Sep 18
 - Chapter 3: Classic Theories of Economic Growth and Development
- Week 4: Sep 25
 - Chapter 3 (con't)
- Week 5: **Oct 2 (class cancelled, National Holiday)**
- Week 6: Oct 9
 - Chapter 4: Contemporary Models of Development and Underdevelopment



Tentative Schedule (Con't)

- Week 7: Oct 16
 - Chapter 5: Poverty, Inequality, and Development
- Week 8: Oct 23
 - Chapter 6: Population Growth and Economic Development: Causes, Consequences, and Controversies
- Week 9: Oct 30
 - Chapter 7: Urbanization and Rural-Urban Migration: Theory and Policy
 - Determine groups and topics
- Week 10: Nov 6
 - Chapter 7 (Con't)
- Week 11: Nov 13
 - Chapter 8: Human Capital: Education and Health in Economic Development



Tentative Schedule (Con't)

- Week 12: Nov 20
 - Chapter 9: Agricultural Transformation and Rural Development
- Week 13: Nov 27
 - Chapter 10: The Environment and Development
- Week 14: Dec 4
 - Chapter 11: Development Policymaking and the Roles of Market, State, and Civil Society
- Week 15: Dec 11
 - Group Presentation
- Week 16: Dec 18
 - Group Presentation
- Week 17: Dec 25
 - Review Section



Features

- Introduce current research for each chapter
 - Both Chinese and English papers
- Analyze current affairs with course materials
- Voluntary groups present in class
 - Try to choose an interesting topic
 - Short presentation might be more difficult than a long one
- Conduct in-class discussion
 - Solve homework problems together