

Handbook Chapters Proposal: Econ 350, Life Cycle Dynamics: The Origins & Consequences of Inequality in Capabilities

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Abstract

This document proposes a set of Handbook Chapters that can be used as guidelines for Econ 350.

1 Topics Covered by Lectures

1. The Dimensions of Inequality and Social Mobility
 - (a) Basic Facts and Trends
 - (b) Prices, Endowments, and Shocks
 - (c) Skills
 - (d) Transfers and Taxes
 - (e) The Role of Family and Policy on Endowments
 - (f) What Should Inequality Be
 - (g) Separating Inequality from Social Mobility
2. Education and Inequality
 - (a) Causal Inference and Instrumental Variables
 - (b) Structural Models
 - (c) Evidence
 - (d) The Role of Capabilities as a Broader Notion of Skills
 - (e) The Role of Credit Constraints
3. Shocks and Uncertainty
 - (a) Internal and External Variability
 - (b) Modeling Uncertainty

4. The Dynamics of Skill Formation
 - (a) B.P. + Technology / Adult
 - (b) The Creation of Initial Conditions
5. Models and Methods for the Study of Family Influence
6. Genes and Environments
7. Health: Life-Cycle Origins and Determinants
8. Social Mobility: Determinants and Models
9. Summary

2 Handbook Chapters

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