

EC 390: Annotated Bibliography

Overview

The second step of your final project asks you to submit an annotated bibliography. This is meant to help you engage with the academic literature relevant to your research proposal. By doing so, it will strengthen your project proposal by identifying credible sources, supporting your own arguments with rigorous evidence, and connecting prior research to your own idea. The articles you engage with should ideally appear as supporting evidence of your own work once you present it.

Instructions

- ✓ **Introduce your topic and motivate its importance within developing economics:** This should be a more refined version of your Topic Selection where you introduce your research question and motivate its importance
- ✓ **Select at least three (3) academic sources** related to your proposed research topic
 - 📁 Acceptable sources include peer-reviewed journal articles, working papers, or book chapters published by reputable academic presses
 - 📁 Avoid general web sources or opinion pieces
 - 📁 Because we are engaging with topics in the developing world, reports created by reputable international institutions are acceptable
- ✓ **For each source, provide a complete citation in APA** format
- ✓ **Write an annotation (about 150-200 words) for each source** that includes:
 - 📁 **Summary:** Briefly describe the research question, data or methods used, and main findings or arguments
 - 📁 **Relevance:** Explain how this source connects to your project proposal. For example, does it provide theoretical foundation, empirical evidence, or a contrasting perspective?
- ✓ **Conclude your submission with a short paragraph (100-150 words)** reflecting on how the sources collectively inform, support, or challenge your research idea.

⚠ DO NOT SIMPLY COPY, REWORD, OR REPHRASE THE ABSTRACT

Formatting and Submission

- 📄 **Length:** Should be more than 1 page (doublespaced)
- 📄 **File Format:** PDF
- 📄 **Submission:** On Canvas ([Submit Here](#))
- 📄 **Due Date:** Wednesday, November 05 at 11:59pm