

Economics 881

Foundations of Development Economics: Theory and Empirics

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Class

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1. Goals

The primary goal of this semester-long course is to provide an introduction to some emerging issues in the economics of development, with a focus on the roles of individuals, families, institutions and policies. Throughout the class, emphasis will be placed on the interaction between modeling behaviors of agents and choosing appropriate empirical methods to understand the processes that are investigated. The course will discuss empirical methods ranging from random assignment to structural modeling in the context of examples drawn from the literature.

Examples will illustrate how economic models can provide insights into understanding behavior and how, with appropriate research design, high quality data and prudent choice of econometric methods, it is possible to assess the empirical content of those models and their contributions to understanding the world around us. These examples should provide you with the foundation to apply these kinds of models and methods to a wide range of problems in economics in the field of development and more broadly.

The syllabus and reading list are intended to be a guide to help you become acquainted with the issues, models and methods in the areas covered by the course. Classes will focus on a subset of papers. For each topic, we will begin by laying out the main issues within an economic framework, relying primarily on standard consumer demand theory. We will proceed to assess the value of different research designs that might be used to investigate the topic; these will take into account the underlying theory, concerns with measurement and econometric methodology. The course will then discuss existing empirical evidence and evaluate what we have learnt.

2. Course requirements

The course will follow a lecture format. Every student is expected to participate in all aspects of the class. An essential requirement of the class is the mandatory paper readings. You must read these papers extremely carefully. While you will not be formally graded on your

participation during lectures, the value to you and your colleagues of asking questions and raising new ideas cannot be over-stated. Guidance about the key readings for each lecture will be provided. In discussing individual papers, we will address questions about each paper related to understanding its research design:

- Why is this paper considered a contribution? As a measure of its importance, why is this paper published and cited?
- What innovative strategies did the authors use to translate a research question to a feasible theory or empirical specification?
- How else might the authors' have formulated this question? What are the positives and negatives of their approach?
- What other questions does this research open up?

For you to learn both these types of skills, we will require discussion in class. The more discussion we have, the better the class will be.

Grades will depend on three activities:

First, you will write two referee reports, reviewing a paper by a student on the job market in development last year and this year. Please include two sets of comments that address both the theoretical and empirical contributions of the paper. The two papers for the first report are:

- Daniel Bjorkegren, "The Adoption of Network Goods: The Spread of Mobile Phones in Rwanda"
- Frank Schilbach, "Alcohol and Self-Control: A Field Experiment in India"

The paper choices for the second report are:

- Kaivan Munshi and Mark Rosenzweig, "Networks and misallocation: insurance, migration, and the rural-wage gap"
- Namrata Kala, "Ambiguity Aversion and Learning in a Changing World: The Potential Effects of Climate Change from Indian Agriculture"

Treat this report as if you were reviewing the paper for a first rate journal. The goal is to evaluate the work, identify the strengths and weaknesses and make constructive suggestions for improving the work. *Email your report to Erica and Xiao Yu.* The first report is due before class on 2 Oct 2015, and the second report is due before class on 13 Nov 2015.

Second, before each class, write a short reading response for each of the papers we will discuss -- one theory paper, and up to three empirical papers (you can choose which to critique if more than that are listed). Each response should be brief (one long paragraph is enough), but heavy in content, and should answer the following three questions:

- (1) Why is this a seminal paper in the literature?
- (2) What is in your mind the major shortcoming of the paper? (Be sure to explain why you consider it to be a major shortcoming.)
- (3) What is one significant improvement that could be made to the paper? (Be sure to explain why it would be a significant improvement.)

There is no need to provide a general summary of the paper's techniques or results in these responses -- go straight into critic mode!

Email your review to both Erica and Xiao Yu, and be prepared to share your review with the rest of the class when we call upon you to do so.

Third, you will take a (written) in-class exam at the end of the semester. The scheduled exam time is TBA. The exam will cover material discussed in lecture and the main assigned readings.

Due dates:

Referee report #1	Before class on 2 Oct 2015
Referee report #2	Before class on 13 Nov 2014
Final exam	TBA

Always email your work to both Erica and Xiao Yu.

Students who plan to take only one-half of the course should complete the first referee report and will be administered an exam covering the first half of the material (please let Erica and Xiao Yu know if you are only registered for the first quarter—we will arrange for a midterm for you outside of class).

The final grade breakdown is as follows:

Referee reports: 20% each
Paper responses: 20%
Final exam: 40%

3. Class web-site

All material will be on the web site for Econ 881 on Sakai.

4. Development Economics at Duke and Beyond

There are several intellectual activities that you are encouraged to at least sample during this term and in the future. First, the Labor and Development Seminar Series is held on Wednesday from 3.15-4.45pm in Social Sciences 111. The seminars bring some of the best people in labor and development to campus to present and discuss their work. This is a spectacular opportunity to see work in progress and learn about the problems that we all encounter in our research and how we think about addressing them. See <http://ipl.econ.duke.edu/seminars/labordev/>. When there is an out-of-town speaker, we will try to save a couple of spots in his/her schedule for graduate students. Please email Erica or Xiao Yu in advance if you are interested in meeting with a particular speaker.

Second, the International Population Health and Development (IPHD) workshop is held on Friday from 12.00 noon to 1.00 pm in Social Sciences 111. IPHD is a forum for Duke, UNC and NC State students and faculty who are interested in population health and development to present their own work in progress. See <http://ipl.econ.duke.edu/seminars/iphd/>. Duke econ students should register for Econ 911.11, and policy students may register for Econ 911.01.

Finally, please check the BREAD (<http://ipl.econ.duke.edu/bread/>) and NBER Dev (<http://www.nber.org/programs/dev/dev.html>) websites regularly for announcements (for conferences, calls for papers, etc.), and for working papers.

5. Topics covered

The following topics will be covered in this course:

Section	Lect	Date	Topic	Lecturer
Human Capital	1	28-Aug	Intro/Poverty Traps and Health	Field/Wang
Financial Markets	2	4-Sep	Risk, Credit, and Savings	Field/Wang
	3	11-Sep	Microfinance	Field/Wang
	4	18-Sep	Insurance	Field/Wang
	5	25-Sep	NO CLASS	Field/Wang
Labor and Firms	6	2-Oct	Technology Adoption	Field/Wang
		9-Oct	Political Economy and Voting	Field/Wang
Households	7	16-Oct	Decision-making in the Household/Gender	Field/Wang
	8	23-Oct	Institutions	Field/Wang
Institutions and Governance	9	30-Oct	Firms and Contracting	Wang
	10	6-Nov	Land and Property Rights	Field
	11	13-Nov	Corruption	Field/Wang
	12	20-Nov	Public Finance and Collective Action	Field/Wang

Readings

General (All suggested readings)**Articles on methods**

Holland, Paul, (1986) "Statistics and Causal Inference," Journal of the American Statistical Association, Vol. 81 (396), 945-960.

Meyer, Bruce D. (1995), "Natural and quasi-experiments in economics," *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, 13 (2), pp. 151-161.

Angrist, Joshua and Alan Krueger (2001), "Instrumental Variables and the Search for Identification: From Supply and Demand to Natural Experiments," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 15 (4), pp. 69-87.

Angrist, Josh and Alan Krueger (1999), "Empirical Strategies in Labor Economics", ch. 23 in Ashenfelter and Card, *Handbook of Labor Economics*, vol. 3.

Duflo, Esther, Rachel Glennerster and Michael Kremer "Randomization in Development Economics Research: A Toolkit" *Handbook of Development Economics*, vol.4

Imbens, Guido and Jeffrey M. Wooldridge (2009). "Recent Developments in the Econometrics of Program Evaluation," *Journal of Economic Literature*, 47(1):5-86.

The Big Picture

Banerjee, Abhijit and Esther Duflo (2011), Poor Economics, PublicAffairs - Perseus Books.

Dollar, David and Aart Kray (2002) "Growth is good for the poor", *Journal of Economic Growth*, 7, 195-225.

Rodrik, Subramanian and Francesco Trebbi (2002), "Institutions Rule: The Primacy of Institutions over Geography and Integration in Economic Development," *Journal of Economic Growth*, 9(2), 131-165.

Sala i Martin, Xavier (2006), "The World Distribution of Income: Falling Poverty and... Convergence, Period", *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Vol. 121, No. 2: 351-397

Poverty traps and health*Readings for Discussion**Theory*

Dasgupta, Partha, and Debraj Ray. "Inequality as a Determinant of Malnutrition and Unemployment: Theory." *The Economic Journal* 96 (1986): 1011-1034.

Empirical

Almond, Douglas "Is the 1918 Influenza Pandemic Over? Long-Term Effects of In Utero Influenza Exposure in the Post-1940 U.S. Population." *Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 114, No. 4 (August 2006), pp. 672-712

Erica M. Field, Omar Robles and Maximo Torero, "Iodine Deficiency and Schooling Attainment in Tanzania" *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, Vol. 1, No. 4 (October 2009), pp. 140-169

Miguel, Edward and Michael Kremer (2004). "Worms: Identifying Impacts on Education and Health in the Presence of Treatment Externalities", *Econometrica*, 72(1), 159-217.

Additional Readings

Baird, Sara, Joan Hicks, Michael Kremer and Edward Miguel (2011). "Worms at Work: Long-run Impacts of Child Health Gains", Mimeo.

Besley, T. and R. Kanbur, "Food Subsidies and Poverty Alleviation", *Economic Journal*, 1988

Barker, D. J. P., ed. (1992). "Fetal and infant origins of adult disease." London: *British Medical Journal*. ISBN 0-7279-0743-3.

Roseboom TJ, Painter RC, van Abeelen AF, Veenendaal MV, de Rooij SR. "Hungry in the womb: what are the consequences? Lessons from the Dutch famine." *Maturitas*. 2011 Oct;70(2):141-5. Epub 2011 Jul 28.

Bleakley, Hoyt. "Malaria Eradication in the Americas: A Retrospective Analysis of Childhood Exposure." Unpublished paper, August 2006. (PDF - 1.5 MB)

Subramanian, Shankar & Deaton, Angus, 1996. "The Demand for Food and Calories," *Journal of Political Economy*, University of Chicago Press, vol. 104(1), pages 133-62, February.

Thomas Duncan and John Strauss. 1997. Health and wages: Evidence on men and women in urban Brazil. *Journal of Econometrics*, 77: 159-185.

Pitt, Mark M., Rosenzweig, Mark R. and Hassan, Md.N. 2011. "Human Capital Investment and the Gender Division of Labor in a Brawn-Based Economy," Mimeo.

Vogl, T. 2011. "Height, skills and labor market outcomes in Mexico." Mimeo.

Baird, S., J. H. Hicks, M. Kremer and E. Miguel. 2011. "Worms at Work: Long-run impacts of child health status", mimeo.

Hoddinott, J., J. Maluccio, J. Behrman, R. Flores and R. Martorell. 2008. Effect of a nutrition intervention during early childhood on economic productivity in Guatemalan adults. *Lancet*, 381:411-16.

Case, Anne and Christina Paxson. 2008. "Stature and status: Height, ability and labor market outcomes", *Journal of Political Economy*.

Deaton, A. 2017. Height, health and Development. PNAS 104.33:1323-13237.

Mohanan, Manoj. 2010. "Causal Effects of Health Shocks on Consumption and Debt: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Bus Accident Injuries." Mimeo

Strauss, J. (1986). "Does Better Nutrition Raise Farm Productivity?" *Journal of Political Economy* 94.2:297-320.

Strauss, John and Duncan Thomas. (1998). "Health, nutrition and economic development", *Journal of Economic Literature*, 36.2:766-817.

Risk, Credit, and Savings*Readings for Discussion**Theory*

Banerjee, Abhijit, "Contracting Constraints, Credit Markets, and Economic Development," MIT Working Paper 2001

Hoff, Karla and Joseph E. Stiglitz, "Imperfection Information and Rural Credit Markets: Puzzles and Policy Perspectives", chapter in *The Economics of Rural Organization: Theory, Practice and Policy*

(Hoff, Karla, Avishay Braverman, and Joseph E. Stiglitz, eds.), New York: Oxford University Press for the World Bank, 1993

Empirical

Dupas and Robinson "Why Don't the Poor Save More?" *American Economic Review*.

Burgess, Robin, and Pande, Rohini (2005). "Do Rural Banks Matter? Evidence from the Indian Social Banking Experiment." *American Economic Review*, 95(3), 780-795.

Additional Readings

Schaner, Simone, 2011. Intra-household Preference Heterogeneity, Commitment, and Strategic Savings: Theory and Evidence from Kenya. Mimeo.

Hoff, Karla and Joseph E. Stiglitz, "Moneylenders and bankers: price-increasing subsidies in a monopolistically competitive market", *Journal of Development Economics* 1997

Rosenzweig, Mark, and K. Wolpin. "Credit Market Constraints, Consumption Smoothing and the Accumulation of Durable Production Assets in Low-Income Countries: Investments in Bullocks in India." *Journal of Political Economy* 101, no. 2 (1993): 223-244.

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Besley, T., Coate, S., and Loury, G. "The Economics of Rotating Savings and Credit Associations." *American Economic Review* 83, no. 4 (1993):792-810.

Ashraf, Nava, Dean Karlan, and Wesley Yin. "Tying Odysseus to the Mast: Evidence from a Commitment Savings Product in the Philippines." *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 121, no. 2 (2006): 635-672.

Karlan, Dean S., and Jonathan Zinman. "Credit Elasticities in Less Developed Countries: Implications for Microfinance." *American Economic Review* 8, no. 3 (2008): 1040-1068.

Bertrand, Marianne, Dean Karlan, Sendhil Mullainathan, Eldar Shafir, and Jonathan Zinman. "How Much Does Psychology Matter? A Field Experiment in the Consumer Credit Market." Unpublished paper, March 2005.

Microfinance

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Banerjee, Abhijit, and Sendhil Mullainathan. "The Shape of Temptation: Implications for the Economic Lives of the Poor." Unpublished paper, September 2008.

Empirical

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Karlan, Dean and Jonathan Zinman. “Microcredit in Theory and Practice: Using Randomized Credit Scoring for Impact Evaluation” *Science*, June 2011, vol.332, iss.6035, pp.1278-1284.

Additional Readings

Besley, Tim, “Nonmarket Institutions for Credit and Risk Sharing in Low-Income Countries”, JEP 1995

Karlan, Dean, and Jonathan Zinman. “Observing Unobservables: Identifying Information Asymmetries with a Consumer Credit Field Experiment.” (November 2009) *Econometrica*, 77(6), pp. 1993-2008.

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Insurance

Readings for Discussion

Theory

Ligon, Ethan, Jonathan P. Thomas, and Tim Worrall, "Informal Insurance Arrangements with Limited Commitment: Theory and Evidence from Village Economies," *Review of Economic Studies* (2002), 69(1), 209-244

Wang, Xiao Yu, "Endogenous Insurance and Informal Relationships, Working Paper 2013

Empirical

Townsend, Robert M. "Risk and Insurance in Village India", *Econometrica* (1994) 62(3):539-591.

Rosenzweig, M. and O. Stark. (1989). Consumption smoothing, migration and marriage: evidence from rural India, *Journal of Political Economy*, August, 97.4:905-926.

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Genoni, Maria. 2012. Health shocks and consumption smoothing: Evidence from Indonesia. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.

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Paxson, C. (1993). Consumption and income seasonality in Thailand, *Journal of Political Economy*, February, 101.1:39-72.

Technology Adoption

Readings for Discussion

Theory

Foster, A. D., and M. R. Rosenzweig. "Learning by Doing and Learning from Others: Human Capital and Technical Change in Agriculture." *Journal of Political Economy* 103, no. 6 (1995): 1176-1209.

Banerjee, Abhijit, "A Simple Model of Herd Behavior", *QJE* 1992

Empirical

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Duflo, Esther, Michael Kremer, and Jonathan Robinson. "Nudging farmers to use fertilizer: theory and experimental evidence from Kenya." *American Economic Review*. 2011.

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Political Economy and Voting

Theory

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Empirical

Duflo, Esther and Raghavendra Chattopadhyay, "Women as Policy Makers: Evidence from a Randomized Policy Experiment in India," *Econometrica* 72(5): 1409-1443, 2004 (also see NBER Working Paper No. 8615; BREAD Working Paper No. 001, 2001).

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Decision-making in the Household/Gender

Readings for Discussion

Theory

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Institutions

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