Course Description:
This course presents an overview of Development Economics. This field studies issues related to developing countries: the possible reasons why some countries are poor and others rich - geography, history, institutions, culture; the progress that we have seen over the last century and potential interventions - trade and migration, health, education; and some of the current challenges faced - corruption, conflict. The course provides a look at these topics through relevant readings and assignments.

Pre-requisites:
Econometrics I
Applied Economics (recommended)

Grades:
Midterm (20%)
Term paper (20%)
Presentation (20%)
Final Exam (40%)

Outline and reading list (*required) :

1. Introduction

*Anindya Sen (1999) Development as Freedom, Chapter 1
*James Ferguson (1990) The Anti-politics machine, Chapter 1

2. Geography

*Jared Diamond (1998) Guns, Germs and Steel, Chapter 10

3. History

4. Institutions

*Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson (2012) Why Nations Fail, Chapter 1

5. Culture


6. Trade and migration


7. Health


8. Education

*Abhijit V. Banerjee and Esther Duflo (2011) Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty, Chapter 4

9. **Corruption**


10. **Conflict**

Blattman and Miguel (2010) “Civil War”. *Journal of Economic Literature*