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Development Economics: Globalization & the European Union

Lecture: Tuesdays, 14-16, Garystr. 21/Hörsaal 105 (Theocharis Grigoriadis).

Seminar: Wednesdays, 16-18, Garystr. 21/Hörsaal 106 (Ali Reza Rahimi).

Office Hours: Mondays, 8-10, Garystr. 55/101A (Theocharis Grigoriadis).
 Upon request (Ali Reza Rahimi).

Modules:

Master of Science in Economics/Public Economics: *Area Studies in Economic Policy Analysis*

This is a graduate course on development economics with a focus on EU economic relations with the Global South. It is offered under the auspices of the Jean Monnet Chair in External Economic Relations of the European Union held by Prof. Grigoriadis and his team. Within the context of EU policy decision-making, the first part of the course will concentrate on key models and approaches in development economics such as new growth models, inequality and poverty, population economics and rural-urban transitions, the role of resources such as land and labor and the impact of financial development through the lenses of credit markets and insurance modeling. Furthermore, we discuss theoretical and empirical topics in EU development policy with a strong focus on the political economy of foreign aid and international trade. Students are expected to become conversant with the analytical tools and theoretical discussions presented in the literature and related to EU development and trade policies. The role of the European Union as a global trade and development actor is central in the learning process. The course grade is defined by a final exam.

Active Participation: collective presentation (12 slides per person, 15 minutes per person) in the last five weeks of the semester.

Regular Participation: 75% attendance of seminars and lectures.

Grade:

Final Exam.

Required Texts:

1. Ray, Debraj. *Development economics*. Princeton University Press, 1998.
2. Roland, Gérard. *Development economics*. Routledge, 2016.
3. Carbone, Maurizio, and Jan Orbie, eds. *The trade-development nexus in the European Union: differentiation, coherence and norms*. Routledge, 2016.
4. Del Sarto, Raffaella, and Simone Tholens. *Resisting Europe: practices of contestation in the Mediterranean Middle East*. University of Michigan Press, 2020.

5. Dür, Andreas, and Manfred Elsig, Eds. *The European Union's foreign economic policies: a principal-agent perspective*. Routledge, 2014.
6. Grigoriadis, Theodoris N. *Aid in Transition*. Springer-Verlag New York, 2015.

Week 1: Introduction

Lecture: The Development Gap & New Growth Theories

- Ch. 4, Ray (1998).
- Ch. 1 & 4, Roland (2016).

Seminar: Growth Modeling

- Problems, Ch. 4, Ray (1998).

Week 2: Inequality: Measurement

Lecture: Economics of Inequality

- Ch. 6, Ray (1998).
- Ch. 2, Roland (2016).

Seminar: Inequality Accounting

- Problems, Ch. 6, Ray (1998).

Week 3: Inequality: Development

Lecture: Interconnections of Inequality

- Ch. 7, Ray (1998).

Seminar: Inequality, Income and Growth

- Problems, Ch. 7, Ray (1998).

Week 4: Poverty

Lecture: Determinants of Poverty

- Ch. 8, Ray (1998).

Seminar: Poverty Measures

- Problems, Ch. 8, Ray (1998).

Week 5: Demography

Lecture: Introduction to Population Economics

- Ch. 9, Ray (1998).
- Ch. 3, Roland (2016).

Seminar: Models of Economic Demography

- Problems, Ch. 9, Ray (1998).

Week 6: Rural & Urban Economies

Lecture: Rural-Urban Transitions

- Ch. 10, Ray (1998).
- Ch. 12, Roland (2016).

Seminar: Economics of Migration

- Problems, Ch. 10, Ray (1998).

Week 7: Agriculture, Land & Labor

Lecture: Resources & Development I

- Ch. 11, 12 & 13, Ray (1998).
- Ch. 13, Roland (2016).

Seminar: Land Contracts & Labor Markets

- Problems, Ch. 11, 12 & 13, Ray (1998).

Week 8: Credit & Insurance

Lecture: Resources & Development II

- Ch. 14 & 15, Ray (1998).
- Ch. 15, Roland (2016).

Seminar: Credits Markets & Insurance Models

- Problems, Ch. 14 & 15, Ray (1998).

Week 9: EU Foreign Aid

Lecture: International Trade & Foreign Aid

- Ch. 16, Ray (1998).
- Ch. 5, Roland (2016).
- Dür & Elsig, 2014.

Seminar: Models of International Trade I

- Problems, Ch. 16, Ray (1998).

Week 10: EU Development Policy & the East European Transition

Lecture: The Political Economy of EU Foreign Aid to the post-Soviet Space

- Grigoriadis, 2015.

Seminar: Models of International Trade II

- Problems, Ch. 16, Ray (1998).

Week 11: EU Trade I

Lecture: EU Trade Policy

- Problems, Ch. 17, Ray (1998).
- Ch. 6, Roland (2016).

Seminar: Models of International Trade III

- Problems, Ch. 17, Ray (1998).

Week 12 EU Trade II

Lecture: EU Trade & the Middle East Migration Crisis

- Del Sarto & Tholens, 2020.
- Ch. 7, Roland (2016).

Seminar: Models of International Trade IV

- Problems, Ch. 17, Ray (1998).

Week 13: Global Trade & the EU

Lecture: Global Economic Policy of the EU I

- Ch. 18, Ray (1998).
- Ch. 17, Roland (2016).
- Carbone, Maurizio, and Jan Orbie, 2016.

Seminar: Economics of Multilateralism

- Problems, Ch. 18, Ray (1998).

Week 14: International Development & the EU

Lecture: Global Economic Policy of the EU II

- Carbone, Maurizio, and Jan Orbie, 2016.
- Ch. 18, Roland (2016).

Seminar: Final Exam Review