

Optional 4: Topics in Development Microeconomics

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This course will cover a number of topics in development economics from microeconomic perspective. The course will draw empirical insights from recent literature on poverty and inequality within the context of education, education policy, gender and social inclusion.

Topic 1

Studying Inequality: Why studying inequality is important and why study poor countries?

Lecture notes and assigned readings.

Topic 2

Actions to reduce poverty and inequality: Education: Mitigating Socioeconomic Inequality through Educational Actions

Lecture notes and assigned readings.

Topic 3

Actions to reduce poverty and inequality: Education: Mitigating Gender Inequality through Educational Actions

Lecture notes and assigned readings.

Topic 5

Actions to reduce poverty and inequality: Social Inclusion: Refugee Crises, Social Policies for Integration and Inclusion of Refugees.

Lecture notes and assigned readings.

Topic 6

Actions to reduce poverty and inequality: Crime and Violence: Mitigating Crime and Violence in the Developing World

Lecture notes and assigned readings.

Teaching material

Course materials will be lecture notes, lecture slides (provided by S. Alan), and assigned journal articles.

Evaluation

Course work will be 20 percent outline presentation 80 percent paper. The paper will be a study where students are expected to design a policy action to address a major policy problem in the developing world. The expected paper will be a major project (grant) proposal, which involves a careful research design to generate scientific evidence. There will be no exercise classes.