COURSE DETAIL

TOPICS IN DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

Country
China

Host Institution
Fudan University

Program(s)
Shanghai Summer

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Economics

UCEAP Course Number
117

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
TOPICS IN DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

UCEAP Transcript Title
DEVELOPMENT ECON

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.70

Course Description

This course discusses why some countries are rich but others are poor from the perspective of institutional economics. It follows Douglass North and asks why, under certain institutions, the private return of economic activities is lower than the social return. This question is addressed by studying recent development economics literature with a focus on property rights, contract institutions, taxation, and corruption. In addition, it introduces a variety of methodological approaches to address a number of empirical questions, such as what is the value of political connection in Indonesia, does third-party reporting reduces pollution in India, and why some countries have more complicated government hierarchy whereas others do not. The course builds critical-thinking skill through reading the most recent empirical development economics literature and participating in class discussion.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ECON170007,GEIS30005

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TOPICS IN DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

Host Institution Course Details
https://iss.fudan.edu.cn/GEIS30005TopicsinDevelopmentEconomics.pdf

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Economics

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