

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 reduce 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

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

International Summer School

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Economics

Course Last Reviewed

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