

LECON2665-Political economy and macroinstitutions in developing economies

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Credits: 5ECTS

Course objectives:

The objective of this course is to train future PhD through the reading of academic articles. Each course deals with a topic, and a couple of articles are studied in depth. One article is presented by the Professor and another article is presented by a student. All the class is expected to read all articles and to comment on them.

Learning outcomes:

- Critical thinking about research: understanding the hypothesis used by the authors, critical assess their relevance, understand the method use, think of alternative methods...
- General knowledge: understand where the frontier of research is in the research on Institutions and development

Evaluation:

Oral presentations of articles and evaluation of oral interventions

Introduction

Cassan. [Identity Based Policies and Identity Manipulation: Evidence from Colonial Punjab](#). 2013.

WIP

Cassan. The Impact of Positive Discrimination on Education in India: Evidence from a Natural Experiment.



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Institutions

Acemoglu, Cantoni, Johnson & Robinson [The Consequences of Radical Reform - The French Revolution](#). *American Economic Review*. 2011

Melissa Dell. [Path Dependence in Development: Evidence from the Mexican Revolution](#). 2012

Traditional institutions

Anderson. [Caste as an impediment to trade](#). *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*. 2011

Munshi & Rosenzweig. [Why is mobility in India so low ? Social Insurance, inequality and growth](#). 2009

November Ethnicity & development

Alesina, Alberto, Reza Baqir and William Easterly, [Public Goods and Ethnic Divisions](#), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*

Miguel & Gugerty [Ethnic Diversity, Social Sanctions, and Public Goods in Kenya](#)." *Journal of Public Economics*

November: Corruption

Bandiera, Prat and Valletti. [Active and Passive Waste in government spending: evidence from a policy experiment](#). 2009.

Olken. [Monitoring Corruption: Evidence from a field experiment in Indonesia](#). *Journal of Political Economy*. 2007