

ECON4915: Development Economics

Teachers:

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Time:

Monday, 10:15 – 12:00 Spring 2014.

Topics

- 1. Rural institutions:** Land, credit, and insurance
- 2. Population issues:** Migration, health and labour
- 3. Inequalities:** Inequality, gender and development
- 4. Climate change**
- 5. Institutions:** Institutions and long run growth, corruption, the resource curse

Lecture Plan

Date	Teachers	Topics	References
13.01.2014	Torben Mideksa	Introduction and Empirical Methods	Finseraas and Kotsadam (2013) or Kotsadam (2013) Optional: Duflo et al. (2006)
20.01.2014	Torben Mideksa	Land Markets	Ray (1998) ch. 11 and 12, Shaban (1987)
27.01.2014	Torben Mideksa	Credit Markets	Ray (1998) ch. 14, Banarjee and Duflo (2010)
03.02.2014	Torben Mideksa	Insurance Markets	Ray (1998) ch. 15, Cole et al. (2013) Optional: Dercon and Christiaensen (2011)
10.02.2014	Martin Flatø	Migration	Ray (1998) ch. 10.3, Ravallion et al. (2007)
24.02.2014	Martin Flatø	Labour and Health	Ray (1998) ch. 13.1-13.4, Fortson (2011), Harttgen et al. (2013)
03.03.2014	Martin Flatø	Inequality and Growth I	Ray (1998) ch. 7, Easterly (2007)
10.03.2014	Kalle Moene	Inequality and Growth II	Moene and Wallerstein (2003)
24.03.2014	Martin Flatø	Institutions	Rodrik (2000), Michalopoulos and Papaioannou (2012)
31.03.2014	Torben Mideksa	Climate Change	Dell et al. (2012)
07.04.2014	Andreas Kotsadam	Gender	Jensen and Oster (2009), Qian (2008)
28.04.2014	Halvor Mehlum	Corruption	Mehlum et al. (2006b), Andvig and Moene (1990)
05.05.2014	Halvor Mehlum	the Resource Curse	Mehlum et al. (2006a)
12.05.2014	Halvor Mehlum	Wrap-up	

Reading list

I. Main textbook:

Ray, D., 1998, *Development Economics*, Princeton University Press. Chap. 7, 10.3, 11, 12, 13.1-13.4, 14 and 15.

II. Articles:

Andvig, J. and K. Moene (1990) [How corruption may corrupt](#), Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization

Banarjee A. and Duflo, E. (2010). [Giving credit where it is due](#), The Journal of Economic Perspectives, 24 (3)

Cole, S., X. Gine, J. Tobacman, P. Topalova, R. Townsend, and J. Vickery (2013). [Barriers to Household Risk Management: Evidence from India](#), American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 5 (1).

Dell, M., B. Jones and B. Olken (2012), [Temperature shocks and economic growth: Evidence from the last half century](#), American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, 4 (3): 66-95.

Easterly, W. (2007), [Inequality does cause underdevelopment: Insights from a new instrument](#), Journal of Development Economics, 84 (2), 755–776.

Fortson, J. (2011), [Mortality Risk and Human Capital Investment: The Impact of HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa](#), Review of Economics and Statistics, 93 (1): 1-15.

Harttgen, K., S. Klasen, and S. Vollmer (2013), [Economic Growth and Child Undernutrition in sub-Saharan Africa](#), Population and Development Review, 39 (3): 397–412.

Jensen, R. and Oster, E. (2009). [The Power of TV: Cable Television and Women's Status in India](#), The Quarterly Journal of Economics, 124 (3): 1057-1094.

Mehlum, H., K. Moene, and R. Torvik (2006a). [Institutions and the Resource Curse](#), The Economic Journal, 116

Mehlum, H., K. Moene, and R. Torvik (2006b). [Parasites](#), in S. Bowles, S. Durlauf, and K. Hoff (eds.), *Poverty traps*, Princeton University Press.

Michalopoulos S. and E. Papaioannou (2012). [Pre-colonial Ethnic Institutions and Contemporary African Development](#), NBER Working Paper 18224.

Moene, K. and M. Wallerstein (2003), [Social Democracy as a Development Strategy](#), Memorandum 35, University of Oslo.

Qian, N. (2008), [Missing women and the price of tea in China: The effect of sex-specific earnings on sex imbalance](#), The Quarterly Journal of Economics, 123(3): 1251-1285.

Ravallion, M., S. Chen, and P. Sangraula (2007). [New Evidence on the Urbanization of Global Poverty](#), Population and Development Review, 33 (4): 667–701.

Rodrik, D. (2000), [Institutions for high-quality growth: What they are and how to acquire them](#), Studies in Comparative International Development, 35 (3): 3-31.

Shaban, R. (1987), [Testing between competing models of sharecropping](#), The Journal of Political Economy, 95 (5): 893-920.

III. Lecture notes:

Finseraas, H. and A. Kotsadam (2013). [Hvordan identifisere årsakssammenhenger i ikke-eksperimentelle data? En ikke-teknisk introduksjon](#) or **Kotsadam**, A (2013). [Lecture Notes on Empirical Methods in Development Economics](#)

IV. Optional articles:

Dercon, S. and L. Christiaensen (2011). [Consumption risk, technology adoption and poverty traps: Evidence from Ethiopia](#), Journal of Development Economics 96 (2): 159-173.

Duflo et al. (2006), [Using Randomization in Development Economics Research: A Toolkit.](#), J-PAL Working paper.

Additional lecture notes given during the semester.