



אוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב
הפקולטה למדעי הרוח והחברה

תשע"ז 2017 המחלקה לכלכלה

שם הקורס בעברית: סוגיות נבחרות בכלכלת פיתוח

שם הקורס באנגלית: Topics in Development Economics

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יעדי ההוראה:

התלמידים יכירו נושאים ושיטות מחקר בכלכלת פיתוח עם דגש על מיקרו כלכלה יישומית. נדון במאמרים אמפיריים בכלכלת פיתוח תוך מתן דגש על הבסיס התיאורטי והכלים האמפיריים. הקורס יינתן באנגלית.

The students will learn about the main topics in the study of developing countries and the econometric methods used in current research in the field with an emphasis on studies in applied microeconomics.

The course will be taught in English.

פרשיות לימודים:

1. חיים בתנאי עוני.
2. חשיבות מוסדות היסטוריים.
3. סכסוכים.
4. שחיתות.
5. מיקרו-מימון.
6. התערבויות והערכת התערבויות.

The course will consist of lectures and classroom discussions around central topics in research and policy issues in development. Some of the themes covered will be (1) the life and livelihood of the poor; (2) the legacies of historical institutions; (3) conflict; (4) corruption; (5) financial inclusion and microfinance; (6) intervention policies and (7) impact evaluation. Each lecture will center on one of the course themes and will elaborate on the policy discourse around the topic as well as discuss empirical research papers on the matter and their theoretical foundations and empirical methodology. The students are expected to have read the relevant literature in preparation for each lecture and to take an active part in the discussion.

The course grade is based on homework assignments in the form of written reports about recent research papers in development economics (25%) and a final exam (75%). The assignment as well as the exam will be in English.

דרישות והרכב ציון הקורס

משקל בציון הסופי	
נוכחות	-בחירה. הקורס מתקיים באנגלית
עבודות	- 25 %
מבחנים	- 75 %
סה"כ	- 100%

רשימה ביבליוגרפית:

General reading:

Banerjee A.V., Duflo, E. (2011). Poor economics: a radical rethinking of the way to fight global poverty. New York, PublicAffairs.

Econometric analysis of cross section and panel data, J.W. Wooldridge, MIT Press 2002.

Angrist, J.D., Pischke, J.-S. (2009). Mostly harmless econometrics: an empiricist's companion. Princeton, Princeton University Press.

Acemoglu, D., and J. A. Robinson. (2012). Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity and Poverty. 1st ed. New York: Crown, 529.

Life and livelihoods of the poor:

Banerjee, A.V. and Duflo, E., 2007. The economic lives of the poor. *The journal of economic perspectives*, 21(1), pp.141-167. Available at: <http://economics.mit.edu/files/530>

Haushofer, J. and Fehr, E., 2014. On the psychology of poverty. *Science*, 344(6186), pp.862-867.

Legacies of historical institutions:

Acemoglu, Daron, Simon Johnson and James A. Robinson. "The Colonial Origins Of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation," *American Economic Review*, 2001, v91(5,Dec), 1369-1401

Conflict:

Blattman C and Miguel E. Civil War, *Journal of Economic Literature*, 2010, 48(1).

Yanagizawa-Drott, D., 2014. Propaganda and conflict: Evidence from the Rwandan genocide. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 129(4), pp.1947-1994.

Burke, M., Hsiang S.M. and E. Miguel (2015). "Climate and Conflict," *Annual Review of Economics*, vol 7(1), pages 577-617.

Jakiela, P. and Ozier, O., 2016. The Impact of Violence on Individual Risk Preferences: Evidence from a Natural Experiment. Available at: <http://ftp.iza.org/dp9870.pdf>

Corruption:

Ferraz, C. and Finan, F., 2011. Electoral accountability and corruption: Evidence from the audits of local governments. *The American Economic Review*, 101(4), pp.1274-1311.

Olken and Pande 2012 Corruption in Developing Countries
Available at: <http://economics.mit.edu/files/7589>

Svensson, J. and Björkman, M., 2009. Power to the People: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment of a Community-Based Monitoring Project in Uganda. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 124(2), pp.735-769.

Financial inclusion and Microfinance

Banerjee, A., Duflo, E., Glennerster, R. and Kinnan, C., 2015. The miracle of microfinance? Evidence from a randomized evaluation. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 7(1), pp.22-53.

De Mel, S., McKenzie, D. and Woodruff, C., 2008. Returns to capital in microenterprises: evidence from a field experiment. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, pp.1329-1372.

Dupas, P. and Robinson, J., 2013. Why don't the poor save more? Evidence from health savings experiments. *The American Economic Review*, 103(4), pp.1138-1171.

Field, E., Pande, R., Papp, J. and Rigol, N., 2013. Does the classic microfinance model discourage entrepreneurship among the poor? Experimental evidence from India. *The American Economic Review*, 103(6), pp.2196-2226.

Interventions:

Easterly (2009): "Can the West Save Africa?", *Journal of Economic Literature*, 47(2)

Olken, B.A., 2010. Direct democracy and local public goods: Evidence from a field experiment in Indonesia. *American political science review*, 104(02), pp.243-267.

Impact evaluation

Duflo, E., Glennerster, R. and Kremer, M., 2007. Using randomization in development economics research: A toolkit. *Handbook of development economics*, 4, pp.3895-3962.

More titles will be added later.