Economic History of Development in the Colonial and Postcolonial Eras

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Thursday 13h30-16h30, from 01/24 to 02/14, then 02/28, then from 03/14 to 03/28
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Evaluation:
Assiduity is required for no less than 6 sessions over 8, in order to be allowed to validate.

1. Two very short referee reports (1/2 of the grade)

On the papers listed in page 2 below.
To be chosen in two different sessions.
To be handed in printed version at the beginning of the corresponding session.

6 bullet points with one sentence in each: 3 for strengths of the paper, 3 for weaknesses: Scope, theoretical structure, quality of economic arguments, data, econometric analysis.

Papers will be briefly discussed in class (20’), and participation to the discussion will bring a bonus to the grade.

2. One very short research project

In one page maximum, ask an interesting question regarding long-term issues in economic development, the political economy of colonialism and/or its legacy in present times with a bit of motivation from the literature, and the sketch of an empirical strategy. Imagine you have to sell your research project to an academic fund, for a pilot study aiming at demonstrating its feasibility and its fruitfulness (in terms of data collection, theoretical and empirical analysis).

A printed copy should be handed to the secretariat of the master before April 29th.

Road Map:
1. Econ Hist & Dev Econ. Postcolonial question
2. Institutions. Divergence of Americas
5. Colonialism 2. Education, dualism, inequality. Identity of Colonizer
6. Colonialism 3. Late colonialism. Decolonization
Papers for Discussion and Evaluation


   [ You can do a report on one of the two, having had a look at the other. Or a report on the two papers taken together. The second paper is much less polished for the time being ]


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References

1. Econ Hist & Dev Econ. Postcolonial question


Amsden, Alice, 2001. The Rise of "The Rest": Challenges to the West From Late-Industrializing Economies, Oxford University Press.


Evolutionism


Grand Theories, Natural Experiments, Analytic Narratives


2. Institutions. Divergence of Americas

_Institutions and Economics of Poverty_


_Growth and Distribution_


Kuznets-Curve


_Growth & Inequality Economics of the 1990s_


_Institutions_


_Rise of the West and Institutions_

Greif Avner & Guido Tabellini, "The Clan and the Corporation: Sustaining Cooperation in China and Europe“, 2015

Non-institutionalist stories for the Rise of the West


_Around AJR papers_


Przeworksi, Adam, 2006. “Geography vs. Institutions Revisited: Were Fortunes Reversed?”, UCLA WP.

*Divergence of Americas*


Williamson, Jeffrey, 2015. "Latin American Inequality: Colonial Origins, Commodity Booms, or a Missed 20th Century Leveling?", NBER WP 20915


3. Precolonial States


*Geography, Genes, Culture*


*Origins of Inequality*


*Gender Inequality and the Family*


*Slavery in Africa*


5. Colonialism 2. Education, dualism, inequality. Identity of Colonizer

Different colonizers


6. Colonialism 3. Late colonialism. Decolonization


*Elite Capture*


*Caste*


*Ethnicity*


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