

Economic History of Development in the Colonial and Postcolonial Eras

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Master APE & Master PPD

Thursday 13h30-16h30, from 01/23 to 02/13, then from 03/05 to 03/26

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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
3. Precolonial States. Slavery & Slave Trade.
4. Colonialism 1. Structures.
5. Colonialism 2. Education, dualism, inequality. Identity of Colonizer
6. Colonialism 3. Late colonialism. Decolonization
7. Postcolonial States 1. Ethnicity, politics.
8. Postcolonial States 2. Development, Industrialization.

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