

# Economic History of Development in the Colonial and Postcolonial Eras

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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 discussed in class, and participation to the discussion will bring a bonus to the grade.

### 2. One very short research project (1/2 of the grade)

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 24th.**

## Road Map:

1. Economic History of Development.
2. Institutions. Divergence of the Americas.
3. Precolonial States. Slave Trade & Slavery.
4. Colonialism 1. The building of colonial states
5. Colonialism 2. Colonial states at work
6. Colonialism 3. Colonial legacies. Inequality
7. Colonialism 4. Differences between colonizers
8. Postcolonial states.

## **Papers for Discussion and Evaluation**

3. Jevan Cherniwchan, and Juan Moreno-Cruz, 2019. Maize and precolonial Africa.
4. Nuno Palma, Andrea Papadia, Thales Pereira, and Leonardo Weller, 2021. Slavery and development in nineteenth century Brazil
5. Jutta Bolt, Leigh Gardner, Jennifer Kohler, Jack Paine, and James A. Robinson, 2022. African political institutions and the legacy of colonialism
6. Carl Müller-Crepon, 2021. Building Tribes: How Administrative Units Shaped Ethnic Groups in Africa
7. Jeremy Bowles, 2022. The limits of legibility: how distributive conflicts constrain state building
8. Richard Akresh, Daniel Halim and Marieke Kleemans, 2021. Long-Term and Intergenerational Effects of Education, Evidence from School Construction in Indonesia

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