Economic Development

Spring 2021, Mo 20:10 - 22:10

Instructor: Zhun Xu

All the lectures will be on zoom:

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Main texts

The main books we will be using include:


If you are unfamiliar with some of the topics, you can read these two books:

L. S. Stavrianos (1981), Global Rift: The Third World Comes of Age, William Morrow & Co

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Evaluation

Each student will do one 20-minute class presentation (40%) in April, and submit a take-home final (50%), and class performance counts as 10%. I will assign the presentation topic to everyone in the first 2 weeks.

1. Introduction
   a. Overview

UNDP, Human development report, technical notes


b. Poverty and health


Sen, Amartya. Development as freedom.

Navarro, V. (1989). Why some countries have national health insurance, others have national health services, and the US has neither. Social Science & Medicine, 28(9), 887-898.


c. Income distribution


2. The political economy of backwardness
   a. Convergence versus divergence

Baran, P., 1952, On the political economy of backwardness, Manchester School of Economic and Social Studies, 20:66-84.


b. The economic surplus and dependency


Frank (1979), Dependent Accumulation and Underdevelopment, Monthly Review Press


3. The question of Industrialization

a. Migration and industrialization


b. Balanced growth and leaping forward


4. Agriculture and agrarian reform

a. Agrarian structure and land reform


b. the green revolution vs red revolution


5. The rise and fall of the Golden age

a. Effective demand and Golden age capitalism


b. The Developmental state and industrial policy


c. The neoliberal transition


6. Environment and food


Hansen, James.(2009). Storms of my grandchildren: the truth about the coming climate catastrophe and our last chance to save humanity. Bloomsbury Publishing USA.


