

Syllabus

**Development Economics III: Regional Perspectives in Development
Economics**

(Entwicklungsökonomie III: Regionale Perspektiven der Entwicklungsökonomie)

Master lecture with exercise session

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1. General information*1.1 Course content*

This course discusses regional perspectives in economic development of the past decades. The regions considered will be South and East Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin America. Emphasis will be placed on a comparative analysis employing both macro and micro perspectives. More specifically, the course covers the following topics:

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| Chapter 1 | Divergent development, colonialism, and institutions |
| Chapter 2 | The role of the state |
| Chapter 3 | Growth, structural change, and development strategies |
| Chapter 4 | Africa I: The historical roots of Africa's development |
| Chapter 5 | Africa II: From structural adjustment to HIPC and PRSP |
| Chapter 6 | Africa III: Africa rising |
| Chapter 7 | (South) East Asia I: East Asia's miracle, crisis and sustained growth |
| Chapter 8 | (South) East Asia II: International integration and industrial policy in East Asia |
| Chapter 9 | China I |
| Chapter 10 | China II |
| Chapter 11 | India I |
| Chapter 12 | India II |
| Chapter 13 | Latin America I |
| Chapter 14 | Latin America II |

1.2 Course goals

By the end of this course, students will be able to understand theoretical and empirical concepts in development economics and to apply them to differences in regional economic development. The

main focus will be on the development experiences of Sub-Saharan Africa, (South) East Asia, China, India, and Latin America.

1.3 Prerequisites

There are no formal requirements, but knowledge in the following areas is highly recommended: econometrics, microeconomics, macroeconomics, and development economics. We highly recommend that students take the following classes in preparation of this course:

- M.WIWI-VWL.0008: Development Economics I
- M.WIWI-VWL.0138: Quasi-Experiments in Development Economics
- M.WIWI-QMW.0004: Econometrics I

1.4 Credit points

6 ECTS-LP (lecture: 2 SWS; exercise session: 1 SWS).

1.5 Registration

Please register via FlexNow.

2. Course overview

2.1 Description of the teaching and learning methods

The lecture is supplemented by self-study based on provided materials and literature. The accompanying exercise session complements the lecture content with the discussion of recent empirical papers on the respective world regions. **The course language is English.**

2.2 Meetings

Schedule:

| | Week day | Date | Time (s.t.) | Topic | Lecturer |
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| Chapter 1 | Monday | 24.04.2023 | 8:30-10:00 | Divergent development | Lay |
| Chapter 2 | Monday | 24.04.2023 | 10:15-11:45 | The role of the state | Lay |
| Exercise A | Wednesday | 26.04.2023 | 12:00-13:00 | | Merkel |
| Chapter 3 | Monday | 08.05.2023 | 8:30-10:00 | Growth, structural change, and development strategies | Lay |
| Chapter 4 | Monday | 08.05.2023 | 10:15-11:45 | Africa I | Lay |
| Exercise B | Wednesday | 10.05.2023 | 12:00-13:00 | | Merkel |

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| Chapter 5 | Monday | 15.05.2023 | 8:30-10:00 | Africa II | Lay |
| Chapter 6 | Monday | 15.05.2023 | 10:15-11:45 | Africa III | Lay |
| Exercise C | Wednesday | 17.05.2023 | 12:00-13:00 | | Merkel |
| Chapter 7 | Monday | 22.05.2023 | 8:30-10:00 | (South) East Asia I | Lay |
| Chapter 8 | Monday | 22.05.2023 | 10:15-11:45 | (South) East Asia II | Lay |
| Exercise D | Wednesday | 24.05.2023 | 12:00-13:00 | | Merkel |
| Chapter 9 | Monday | 19.06.2023 | 8:30-10:00 | China I | Fuchs |
| Chapter 10 | Monday | 19.06.2023 | 10:15-11:45 | China II | Fuchs |
| Exercise E | Wednesday | 21.06.2023 | 12:00-13:00 | | Turbanisch |
| Chapter 11 | Monday | 26.06.2023 | 8:30-10:00 | India I | Fuchs |
| Chapter 12 | Monday | 26.06.2023 | 10:15-11:45 | India II | Fuchs |
| Exercise F | Wednesday | 28.06.2023 | 12:00-13:00 | | Turbanisch |
| Chapter 13 | Monday | 03.07.2023 | 8:30-10:00 | Latin America I | Fuchs |
| Chapter 14 | Monday | 03.07.2023 | 10:15-11:45 | Latin America II | Fuchs |
| Exercise G | Wednesday | 05.07.2023 | 12:00-13:00 | | Siewers |

Rooms: [See EXA](#).

Communication: Instead of emails, we will use the two communication fora on Stud.IP (one for content-related and one for organizational questions).

2.3 Examination and grading of the module

The grading consists of two components:

- Final exam: Monday, July 17, 2023, 8:30, [room see EXA](#) (duration: 60 minutes) [50%]
- Presentation of a research paper and writing of a term paper [50%]
 - Please submit your term paper until Friday, August 25, 2023 on Stud.IP

The term paper is a referee report where students summarize and critically discuss a research article. In the exam, students demonstrate their ability to apply their knowledge of development economics theory and empirical assessments to interpret and explain key issues affecting regional economic development.

2.4 Course materials

- We will discuss research papers in each lecture. The required readings will be announced in two reading lists (Lay/Fuchs) on Stud.IP.
- Supplementary course materials will be announced at the beginning of each lecture and/or published on Stud.IP.

3. Term paper requirements

The term paper is a referee report. The length of each referee report must not exceed 3 pages. The cover sheet, reference list, figures, and tables (if any) are excluded from the page count. Please use the following formatting: Font size: 12 pt, line spacing: 1.5 times, alignment: justification, margin (right, left, top and bottom margin): 2.5 cm each. Please make sure that you are consistent in your referencing and bibliography.

Use a referencing style that is in line with basic conventions in the economics literature. Always quote within a work using the same method. The Chair recommends the in-text author-year citation style (see, for example, information sheet “Citation according to the Harvard system”). All sources that you have cited in the text must appear in the reference list. Everything that you have only read but not cited in the text must NOT appear in the reference list. Referee reports need to be written in English. The work must be done independently by the student.

Every idea, statement or fact taken from the refereed paper or any other sources must be appropriately cited. Quotes need to be indicated as such. Plagiarism is sanctioned with the grade 5 (failed). The general rules of the Faculty of Business and Economics apply. A signed declaration must be attached to each scientific work: “I hereby declare that I wrote this referee report independently, without assistance from external parties, and without use of other resources than those indicated. All information taken from other publications or sources in text or in meaning are duly acknowledged in the text. I give my consent to have this thesis checked by plagiarism software.”

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