

Lectures: M 5-7pm GE 100

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Overview:

This course introduces students to selected frontier research on growth and (the macro aspects of) development. For each topic, emphasis is placed on the research process, aiming to aid students getting started on their research program: the set up of the research question, relevant data and facts, appropriate model framework, and relevant quantitative analysis. Lectures provide empirical motivations and introduce/discuss key papers/model frameworks in the literature. We study in detail the ability of theoretical models to account for the empirical facts characterizing economic development and growth over time and across countries. Students are expected to read all the papers presented in class and to participate actively in class discussions.

Course Work and Grading:

The final grade is determined as follows: final exam (50%), research project (35%), and a paper presentation (15%). No other work will count towards your final grade. More details on paper presentations as well as the research project will be discussed in class.

E-mail Policy:

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Academic integrity will be strictly enforced.

Tentative outline (subject to change):

1. Lectures 1 and 2: Development facts and the neoclassical growth model
 - Lecture slides
2. Lecture 3: Structural transformation
 - Lecture slides

3. Lecture 4: Presentations

- (P1) Huneus and Rogerson (2023) “Heterogeneous Paths of Industrialization,” *Review of Economic Studies*.
- – (M1) Parente, Rogerson, and Wright (2000) “Homework in Development Economics: Household Production and the Wealth of Nations,” *Journal of Political Economy* 108 (4): 680-687.
- – (M2) Hendricks and Schoellman (2018) “Human Capital and Development Accounting: New Evidence from Wage Gains at Migration,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.
- – (M3) Inklaar, Marapin, and Graler (2023), “Tradability and sectoral price and productivity differences across countries,” manuscript, Groningen Growth Centre.

4. Lecture 5: Agriculture and cross-country income differences

- Lecture slides
- Presentation:
 - (P2) Gollin, Douglas, David Lagakos and Michael E Waugh (2014), “The Agricultural Productivity Gap in Developing Countries,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

5. Lecture 6: Misallocation and aggregate productivity

- Lecture slides

6. Lecture 7: Presentations

- (P3) Tamkoc and Ventura (2024), “Rules and Regulations, Managerial Time and Economic Development,” manuscript, Arizona State University.
- (P4) Ayerst, Nguyen, and Restuccia (2024) “The Micro and Macro Productivity of Nations,” manuscript, University of Toronto.

7. Lecture 8: Misallocation in agriculture

- Lecture slides
- Presentations:
 - (M4) Adamopoulos and Restuccia (2022), “Geography and Agricultural Productivity: Cross-Country Evidence from Micro Plot-Level Data,” *Review of Economic Studies*, 89, 1629-1653.
 - (M5) Chen, Chaoran, Diego Restuccia, and Raul Santaaulalia-Llopis (2023) “Land misallocation and productivity,” *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 15.2: 441-465.
 - (M6) Aragon, Restuccia, and Rud (2024) “Assessing misallocation in agriculture: Plots versus farms,” *Food Policy*, 128, 102678.

8. Lecture 9: Productivity, poverty, and inequality

- Presentations:
 - Short intro slides.
 - (M7) Dollar, David, and Aart Kraay (2002) “Growth is Good for the Poor,” *Journal of Economic Growth* 7: 195-225.
 - (M8) Milanovic, Branko (2015) “Global inequality of opportunity: How much of our income is determined by where we live?” *Review of Economics and Statistics* 97.2: 452-460.
- (P5) Guner and Ruggieri (2023), “Misallocation and Inequality,” manuscript, CEMFI.

9. Lecture 10: Presentations

- (P6) Alviarez, Cravino, and Ramondo (2023) “Firm-Embedded Productivity and Cross-Country Income Differences,” *Journal of Political Economy* 131(9): 2289-2327.
- – (M9) Chen and Tombe (2023), “The Aggregate Productivity Effect of Labour and Capital Market Distortions in Canada,” manuscript, University of Calgary.
- (M10) Fernandez-Villaverde, Ventura, and Yao (2024), “The Wealth of Working Nations,” manuscript, Arizona State University.
- (M11) Herrendorf, Rogerson, and Valentinyi (2022) “New Evidence on Sectoral Labor Productivity: Implications for Industrialization and Development,” manuscript, Princeton University.

10. Lecture 11: Presentation

- (P7) Ayerst. Stephen (2024) “Distorted Technology Adoption,” *Economic Journal*, forthcoming.
- Wrap up and review.

Selected readings:

1. Development facts and the neoclassical growth model

- Peter Klenow and Andres Rodriguez-Clare (1997), “The Neoclassical Revival in Growth Economics: Has It Gone Too Far?”, NBER Macroeconomics Annual, Cambridge MA.
- Francesco Caselli (2005), “Accounting for Cross-Country Income Differences,” *Handbook of Economic Growth*.
- Margarida Duarte and Diego Restuccia (2006), “The Productivity of Nations,” *Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Economic Quarterly*, Volume 92 (3), Summer, pp. 195-223.

- Chang-Tai Hsieh and Peter Klenow (2010), “Development Accounting”, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, vol. 2(1), pages 207-23.
- Restuccia, Diego (2011), “Recent Developments in Economic Growth,” *Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Economic Quarterly*, Volume 97 (3), Third Quarter, pp. 329-357.
- Mankiw, N. Gregory, David Romer, and David N. Weil (1992), “A contribution to the empirics of economic growth.” *The quarterly journal of economics* 107, no. 2: 407-437.
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- Manuelli, Rodolfo E., and Ananth Seshadri (2014). “Human capital and the wealth of nations.” *American Economic Review* 104, no. 9: 2736-62.
- Restuccia, Diego and Guillaume Vandembroucke (2014), “Explaining Educational Attainment across Countries and over Time,” *Review of Economic Dynamics*, Volume 17 (4), October, pp. 824-841.
- Chad Jones (2016), “The Facts of Economic Growth,” *Handbook of Macroeconomics*, Volume 2A, pp. 3-69.
- Hendricks, Lutz, and Todd Schoellman (2017), “Human capital and development accounting: New evidence from wage gains at migration.” *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 133 (2): 665-700.
- Alviarez, Vanessa, Javier Cravino, and Natalia Ramondo (2019), “Accounting for Cross-Country Productivity Differences: New Evidence from Multinational Firms,” manuscript, UBC.

2. Structural transformation and growth

- Berthold Herrendorf, Richard Rogerson and Akos Valentinyi (2014), “Growth and Structural Transformation,” *Handbook of Economic Growth*.
- Kongsamult, Rebelo and Xie (2001), “Beyond Balanced Growth,” *Review of Economic Studies* October.
- L. Rachel Ngai and Christophe Pissarides (2007), “Structural Change in a Multi-Sector Model of Growth,” *American Economic Review*, 97, 429-443.
- Ngai and Petrongolo (2017) “Gender gaps and the rise of the service economy,” *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*.
- Daron Acemoglu and Veronica Guerrieri (2008), “Capital Deepening and Nonbalanced Economic Growth,” *Journal of Political Economy*, vol.116, no.3.
- Doug Gollin, Stephen Parente, and Richard Rogerson (2002), “The Role of Agriculture in Development,” *American Economic Review*, P&P.
- Margarida Duarte and Diego Restuccia (2010), “The Role of the Structural Transformation in Aggregate Productivity,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 125 (1), 129-173.

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- Rogerson, Richard (2008). “Structural transformation and the deterioration of European labor market outcomes,” *Journal of Political Economy* 116, no. 2: 235-259.
- Timo Boppart (2014), “Structural Change and the Kaldor Facts in a Growth Model with Relative Price Effects and Non-Gorman Preferences,” *Econometrica*, 82(6), November: 2167-96.
- Diego Comin, Danial Lashkari, and Marti Mestieri (2015), “Structural Change with Long-Run Income and Price Effects,” NBER working paper 21595, September.
- Boppart and Krusell (2020) “Labor Supply in the Past, Present, and Future: A Balanced-Growth Perspective,” *Journal of Political Economy* 128(1), 118-157.
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- Tomasz Swiecki (2017), “Determinants of Structural Change,” *Review of Economic Dynamics* 24: 95-131.
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- Sposi, Mike, Kei Mu Yi, and Jing Zhang (2019). “Structural Change and Deindustrialization,” manuscript, University of Houston.

3. Agriculture and cross-country income differences

- Diego Restuccia, Dennis Tao Yang and Xiaodong Zhu (2008), “Agriculture and Aggregate Productivity: A Quantitative Cross-Country Analysis,” *Journal of Monetary Economics* 55(2), 234-250.
- David Lagakos and Michael Waugh (2013), “Selection, Agriculture and Cross-Country Productivity Differences,” *American Economic Review* 103(2): 948-980.
- Adamopoulos and Restuccia (2021) “Geography and Agricultural Productivity: Cross-Country Evidence from Micro Plot-Level Data,” *The Review of Economic Studies*.
- Donovan, Kevin (2018), “Agricultural Risk, Intermediate Inputs, and Cross-Country Productivity Differences,” manuscript, Yale University.

- Gollin, Douglas, David Lagakos and Michael E Waugh (2014), “The Agricultural Productivity Gap in Developing Countries,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.
- Herrendorf, Berthold, and Todd Schoellman (2018). “Wages, human capital, and barriers to structural transformation.” *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 10, no. 2: 1-23.
- Caunedo, Julieta, and Elisa Keller. 2020. “Capital Obsolescence and Agricultural Productivity,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, forthcoming.
- Chen, Chaoran. 2020. “Technology Adoption, Capital Deepening, and International Productivity Differences,” *Journal of Development Economics*, Volume 143, March 2020, 102388.

4. Misallocation and productivity

- Diego Restuccia and Richard Rogerson (2008), “Policy Distortions and Aggregate Productivity with Heterogeneous Establishments,” *Review of Economic Dynamics*, vol. 11(4), pages 707-720, October.
- Chang-Tai Hsieh and Peter J. Klenow (2009), “Misallocation and Manufacturing TFP in China and India,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 124, November 1403-1448.
- Bartelsman, Eric, John Haltiwanger, and Stefano Scarpetta (2013). “Cross-country differences in productivity: The role of allocation and selection,” *American Economic Review* 103, no. 1: 305-34.
- Diego Restuccia and Richard Rogerson (2013), “Misallocation and Productivity,” *Review of Economic Dynamics* 16(1): pp. 1-10.
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- Hugo Hopenhayn (2014), “Firms, Misallocation, and Aggregate Productivity: A Review,” *The Annual Review of Economics*.
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5. Specific Policies and Dynamic Implications of Misallocation

- Nezh Guner, Gustavo Ventura, and Daniel Xu (2008), “Macroeconomic Implications of Size Dependent Policies,” *Review of Economic Dynamics*, 11(4): pp. 721-44.

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6. Misallocation in Agriculture

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7. Innovation and Macroeconomics

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8. Technological Progress and Diffusion

- Jovanovic, Boyan, and Peter Rousseau. “General Purpose Technologies,” Handbook of Economic Growth, Volume 1B, Chapter 18, 1182-1224.
- Acemoglu, Daron, and Pascual Restrepo. “Artificial Intelligence, Automation, and Work,” manuscript, 2018.
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10. Productivity Slowdown in Advanced Economies

- Jones, Chad (2017). "The Productivity Growth Slowdown in Advanced Economies," ECB Forum on Central Banking, June.
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