ECONOMICS 173
SEMINAR ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Course Requirements
(a) Two topics from the following list will be assigned to you for presentation in class; (b) active participation in class discussion; and (c) a term paper (of not more than 20 double spaced typed pages) on one of the presentation topics. Weights in the course grade will be 40% on (a), 20% on (b) and 40% on (c). (If you cannot make it to quite a few of the class discussions, this course is not for you). No final exam. The term paper is due, preferably on the last seminar day (November 30), and definitely not later than December 4. Prerequisite for the course: Econ 171 (or some equivalent of a general course on economic development) or consent of instructor (in special cases).

Books
It is not absolutely necessary to purchase any books for the course. But the following books may serve as important general reading:

2. Pranab Bardhan and Christopher Udry, Development Microeconomics, Oxford University Press, 1999 (paperback).
3. Handbook of Development Economics, vols. 1, 2, 3 and 4, Elsevier Publishers, available on line from campus library

Topics
Some very general topics to be discussed in class are indicated below. You may choose a sub-topic within the general area for your term paper. The emphasis should be on economic ANALYSIS (i.e. using tools and concepts you have learned in your study of economics), NOT on descriptive accounts. You may draw upon specific country examples, but the term paper should NOT be exclusively on the development experience of any particular country. The references cited below under each topic are deliberately incomplete (to encourage you to do some literature search yourself) and at best suggestive (you are entirely at liberty to not follow the references cited and to draw upon alternative readings). All books and articles in this reading list should be on 2-hour reserve at the Moffitt Library Reserve Desk.
A. Impact of Globalization (including Policies of International Trade and Finance)  
September 14

5. S. Collins and C. Graham (eds.) Globalization, Poverty, and Inequality, Brookings Trade Forum 2004, Brookings Institution Press (articles by Ravallion, Goldberg and Pavcnik, and Bardhan)
Also, his 2009 IMF Working Paper:
7. ODI Note, “The Global Financial Crisis and Developing Countries”,
Also, 

B. Technology Transfers and Foreign Investment / September 21

5. A. Harrison and A. Rodriguez-Clare, “Trade, Foreign Investment, and Industrial Policy for Developing Countries”,
http://mpra.ub.unimuenchen.de/15561/2/MPRA_paper_15561.pdf

C. International Labor Standards (including those for Child Labor) / September 28

2. E.V. Edmonds, Handbook of Development Economics, Vol. 4, Chapter 57
7. C. Udry, Ch. 16 in A. Banerjee, R. Benabou and D. Mookherjee (eds.) Understanding Poverty.

D. Issues in Poverty Alleviation/ October 5


E. Credit Market Imperfections and Policy (including the Micro-credit Movement)
October 12

3. The Economist, November 5, 2005, special survey.
F. Agricultural Transformation / October 19

5. Chapter 8 in A. Banerjee, R. Benabou and D. Mookherjee (ed.), Understanding Poverty

G. Population / October 26

6. Chapters 9 and 10 in A. Banerjee, R. Benabou and D. Mookherjee (eds.), Understanding Poverty

H. Rural-urban Interaction (including Migration) and Urbanization / November 2

4. V. Henderson, World Bank Research Observer, 2002
5. World Development Report 2009

I. State and Development (Including Liberalization and Privatization) / November 9


**J. Corruption / November 16**


**K. Gender Issues in Development / November 23**


**L. Environment and Development / November 30**

7. Report on Poverty and Climate Change