Description: This course will examine major current issues in development economics, with a focus on how they relate to Sub-Saharan Africa. The course is divided into two major parts:

I. Economic Theories and Issues
II. History, Institutions and Politics

Prerequisites: At least one prior term of economics (i.e., Economics 100A or 100B), and some prior coursework in statistics or econometrics.

Grading: The course grade will be based on three components:
- Three take-home Assignments, each worth 10 percent (30 percent)
- Midterm examination (30 percent)
- Final Examination (40 percent)

Office Hours: Monday 9:00-11:30am in Evans 647

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The course website is: http://www.econ.berkeley.edu/users/webfac/emiguel/e172_s06/e172.shtml

Reading packets of photocopied articles can be picked up at Copy Central on Bancroft.


I. Economic Issues and Theories

Week 1: Patterns of African economic development

Cooper, Frederick. (2002). Africa since 1940: The Past of the Present, pp. 91-118.


Week 2: Theories of economic growth


**Weeks 3-4: Geography, health and development**


(Problem Set 1 handed out Thursday February 2nd, due Thursday February 9th)

**Week 5-6: The economics of HIV/AIDS**


**Week 7: Human capital**


(Problem Set 2 handed out Thursday February 23rd, due Thursday March 2nd)

**Week 8: Economic shocks and rural households**


(Midterm Examination – Thursday March 9th in class)
II. History, Institutions and Politics

Weeks 9-10: Historical Legacies of Slavery and Colonialism


Weeks 11-12: Debates on structural adjustment and globalization


(Problem Set 3 handed out Thursday April 13th, due Thursday April 20th)

Week 13: Ethnic and linguistic divisions


Week 14: The Political economy of development in East Africa


Week 15: Violence and development in Sierra Leone


**Week 16: Botswana, Africa’s outlier**


(Final examination during the regular exam period)

*Map of Africa, today*