Public Policy C253 / ARE C253
Fall 2008

International Economic Development Policy: Theory, Methods, and Case Studies
Syllabus
Credits: 3 units

Mechanics

Offered by: Alain de Janvry and Elisabeth Sadoulet.
Time: Friday 10-12am
Place: Echeverry Hall 3105

Enrollment: Maximum of 30 students in Masters and Ph.D. degrees.
Prerequisites: Microeconomics and econometrics at the Master’s level, or consent of instructors.

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Requirements

Three quantitative case studies: to be developed by teams of two
Three policy notes: individual
Final examination: closed books

Contributions to course grade:
1. Three quantitative case studies: 3x15 = 45% of grade
2. Three policy notes: 3x5 = 15% of grade
3. Final examination: 40% of grade

Course outline

1. Policy issues in development
2. Poverty assessment
3. Inequality and vulnerability assessment
4. Human development and social protection programs
5. Targeting of social programs
6. Environment and development policy
7. Agriculture for Development: WDR 2008
8. Development strategies and country case studies
9. Policy debate on foreign aid
10 and 11. Impact analysis of development projects
12. Microfinance institutions
13. Migration and development
14. Decentralization and local governance