

Exercise Class “Development Economics” (Bachelor)

- Course Overview -

1. Course Objectives

- Provide introductory knowledge of applied research in development economics.
- Learn basic empirical methods applied in the current literature.
- Work with “R”.
- Prepare a data assignment based on a selected study from the literature.
- Critically discuss the findings of the data exercise in a project report.

2. Course Outline

- The class consists of a mixture of teaching sessions and data work in groups.
- I will guide you through the steps of carrying out your own data project and am available for weekly assistance.

Date	Time	Note	Room
April 29	09:45 - 11:15	Introduction	LG 0.215 (CIP Pool)
May 6	09:45 - 11:15	Group Work 1	LG 0.421 (CIP Pool)
May 13	09:45 - 11:15	Methods	LG 0.215 (CIP Pool)
May 20	09:45 - 11:15	Demo Session	LG 0.422 (CIP Pool)
May 27	09:45 - 11:15	Group Work 2	LG 0.215 (CIP Pool)
June 3	09:45 - 11:15	Group Work 3	LG 0.215 (CIP Pool)
June 10		No Class	
June 17	09:45 - 11:15	Group Work 4	LG 0.215 (CIP Pool)
June 24	09:45 - 11:15	Group Work 5	LG 0.215 (CIP Pool)
July 1	09:45 - 11:15	Group Work 6	LG 0.215 (CIP Pool)
July 8	09:45 - 11:15	Group Work 7	LG 0.215 (CIP Pool)
July 15	09:45 - 11:16	Group Work 8	LG 0.215 (CIP Pool)

3. Group Work: Overview

- Build groups of 4-5 students.
- Send an e-mail including names and matriculation numbers of all members to celina.hoegn@fau.de until **April 30**. Please put all members on copy (cc).
- Groups will receive data from a recent study in development economics for their own data project by **May 5**.
- In class you are going to replicate the main results of the study, do data exercises and perform additional analyses.
- Prepare a project report and interpret your findings.
- The deadline for submitting the report and the code is **July 18**.

4. Grading Procedure

- One final grade (2.5 ECTS) for the data assignment.
- The final grade includes an assessment of the report and the program code for the data exercise.
- Every member of the group must actively participate in the project.
- To ensure that there is no free riding, **regular presence** in the exercise class is a requirement.
- The grade for the group assignment is an individual grade and may differ between group members.