



南京大学商学院  
NANJING UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL

# Development Economics 发展经济学

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# Course Information

- Time: Wednesday 18:30 p.m.- 20:20 p.m.
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- Course website: [teaching.applysquare.com](http://teaching.applysquare.com)  
(invitation code **EETFUDXG**)
- Teaching assistants: Siying Lu
- A course in English! (partial Chinese)
- Don't be shy to speak and write!



# Course Description

- Development Economics is a course involving economic problems and policies of those countries that have not yet reached the level of economic well being observed in the western world.

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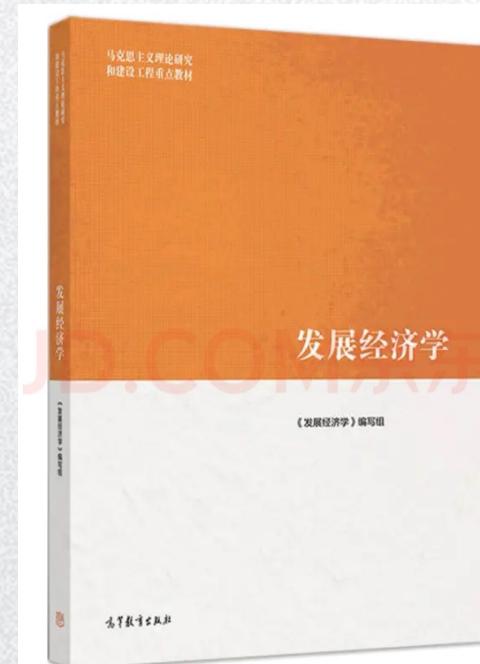
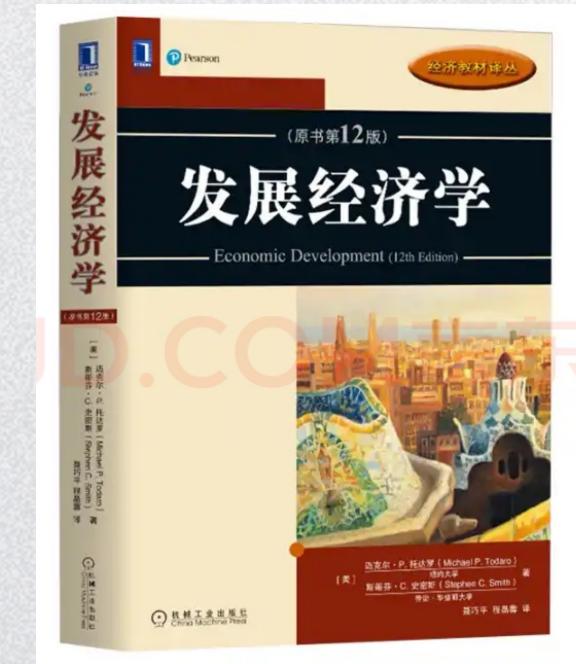
# Course Description (Con't)

- At the completion of this course, students will be familiar with theories of development and their applications in the real world.
- Students will have a better understanding of a number of topics that shed light on the development process, including poverty, inequality, education, health, environment, and population issues.
- Students will also be trained to summarize the existing literature related to the theories learned in class and analyzing real world data.
- Students will also present their research results in class, which can improve their ability of public speaking and intellectual interactions.



# Textbooks

- Michael Todaro & Stephen Smith, Economic Development,  
英文注释版 11<sup>th</sup> edition, 电子工业出版社
- 郭熙保等, 《发展经济学》, 马克思主义理论研究和建设  
工程重点教材, 高等教育出版社





# Course Evaluation

- Attendance is **COMPULSORY**. **5%**
  - You will get full credit if you attend at least 12 lectures.
- In-class assignments: **10%**
  - No late assignments will be accepted.
- Group presentation: **25%**
  - 5-6 people make a group
  - Have a focused topic related to this course
  - Write a 10-15 page PPT in English (self-chosen topic, exclude references)
  - Present 10 minutes in English (optional)
- Final exam: **60%**
  - Closed notes (multiple choices, short answer questions)



# Tentative Schedule

- Week 1: Sep 4
  - Chapter 1: Introducing Economic Development: A Global Perspective
- Week 2: Sep 10
  - Chapter 2: Comparative Economic Development
- Week 3: Sep 18
  - Chapter 3: Classic Theories of Economic Growth and Development
- Week 4: Sep 25
  - Chapter 3 (con't)
- Week 5: **Oct 2 (class cancelled, National Holiday)**
- Week 6: Oct 9
  - Chapter 4: Contemporary Models of Development and Underdevelopment



# Tentative Schedule (Con't)

- Week 7: Oct 16
  - Chapter 5: Poverty, Inequality, and Development
- Week 8: Oct 23
  - Chapter 6: Population Growth and Economic Development: Causes, Consequences, and Controversies
- Week 9: Oct 30
  - Chapter 7: Urbanization and Rural-Urban Migration: Theory and Policy
  - Determine groups and topics
- Week 10: Nov 6
  - Chapter 7 (Con't)
- Week 11: Nov 13
  - Chapter 8: Human Capital: Education and Health in Economic Development



# Tentative Schedule (Con't)

- Week 12: Nov 20
  - Chapter 9: Agricultural Transformation and Rural Development
- Week 13: Nov 27
  - Chapter 10: The Environment and Development
- Week 14: Dec 4
  - Chapter 11: Development Policymaking and the Roles of Market, State, and Civil Society
- Week 15: Dec 11
  - Group Presentation
- Week 16: Dec 18
  - Group Presentation
- Week 17: Dec 25
  - Review Section



# Features

- Introduce current research for each chapter
  - Both Chinese and English papers
- Analyze current affairs with course materials
- Voluntary groups present in class
  - Try to choose an interesting topic
  - Short presentation might be more difficult than a long one
- Conduct in-class discussion
  - Solve homework problems together