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**GEORGETOWN PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE
PPOL 684: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

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Course Description:

This course surveys the literature on the key determinants of economic development. We start by considering some of the factors that drive economic growth, poverty and inequality. We begin with a discussion of growth models and then move on to the analysis of health and education, population, and the linkages between investments in human resources and economic growth. The course then moves on to other key topics in international development including international trade, globalization, and governance. After considering some country case studies, we conclude with a discussion on the scope and limitations of foreign aid and the institutions that implement aid policies.

Track: International Policy & Development

Course Requirements:

A **group presentation** is required (March 18 for the Tuesday section, March 19 for the Wednesday section). I will assign everyone to a group for this exercise and will also assign a topic to each group. This will count for 30 percent of the grade.

A **final paper** of 12 -15 pages (double spaced) is required and will be due by midnight, Monday **May 5, 2008** for both sections. A copy must be e-mailed to me by this deadline, you will have an additional two days to place a hard copy in my mailbox. You can also mail a hard copy of the paper to me at GPPI, 3520 Prospect St NW, Washington DC 20007. This paper will count for 40 percent of your grade. Suggested paper topics will be distributed during the second week of class, you may also pick your own topic in consultation with me.

The remainder of the grade (30 percent) is based on **class participation**. Class attendance is mandatory unless you have an emergency--please notify me ahead of class if you are unable to attend. As both sections are full, you must attend the section to which you are assigned, you cannot switch sections.

COURSE READINGS:

The readings for this course are drawn from the following sources—Steven Radelet, David Lindauer and Dwight Perkins, *Economics of Development* (sixth edition), Paul Collier, *The Bottom Billion*; and various articles available online.

Class#1: WHY ARE SOME COUNTRIES RICH AND OTHERS POOR?

Economics of Development, Ch 1 and Ch 2

Peter Timmer, “How Countries Get Rich,” CGD Brief, February 2006
<http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/6238>

Paul Collier, *The Bottom Billion* (Oxford University Press, 2007), Part 1

Class #2: POVERTY AROUND THE WORLD

Paul Collier, *The Bottom Billion* (Oxford University Press, 2007), Part 2

World Bank, *Global Monitoring Report 2007*, Overview.
<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTGLOBALMONITOR/EXTGLOMONREP2007/0,,menuPK:3413296~pagePK:64218926~piPK:64218953~theSitePK:3413261,00.html>

Class#3: POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

Economics of Development, Ch 6

Sarah Lucas and Peter Timmer, “Connecting the Poor to Economic Growth,” CGD Brief, April 2005, <http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/2791>

Paul Collier, *The Bottom Billion* (Oxford University Press, 2007), Part 3

Class#4: EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economics of Development, Ch 8

Maureen Lewis and Marlene Lockheed, “Inexcusable Absence: Why 60 Million Girls Still Aren't in School and What to do About It (Brief),” 2007.
<http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/13498/>

Deon Filmer et al, “A Millennium Learning Goal—Measuring Real Progress in Education,” CGD Working Paper 97,
<http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/9815>

Class#5: HEALTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economics of Development, Ch 9

Maureen Lewis, “Addressing the Challenge of HIV/AIDS: Macroeconomic, Fiscal and Institutional Issues,” CGD Working Paper 58,
<http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/2730/>

Nicholas Eberstadt, “The Future of AIDS,” *Foreign Affairs* Nov/Dec 2002
<http://www.foreignaffairs.org/20021101faessay9990-p70/nicholas-eberstadt/the-future-of-aids.html>

Class#6: POPULATION GROWTH AND THE DEMOGRAPHIC TRANSITION

Economics of Development, Ch 7

Ruth Levine, “USAID's Track Record in Family Planning,” 2007.
<http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/11864/>

Class#7: THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Economics of Development, Ch 19

Economics of Development, Ch 17

Kim Elliott, “Agricultural Protection in Rich Countries: How Did We Get Here?,” CGD Working Paper Number 47, <http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/2742>

Kim Elliott, “Delivering on Doha,” CGD Brief, 2005.
<http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/4998/>

Class#8: GLOBALIZATION, JOBS, AND GROWTH

Economics of Development, Ch 11

Nancy Birdsall, “Stormy Days on an Open Field: Asymmetries in the Global Economy,” CGD Working Paper 81, <http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/6284>

Nancy Birdsall, "Globalization and Development: New Challenges and New Opportunities," <http://www.cgdev.org/content/opinion/detail/8894/>

Class #9: STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Class#10: GROWTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Economics of Development, Chapter 20

David Wheeler and Kevin Ummel, "Another Inconvenient Truth: A Carbon-Intensive South Faces Environmental Disaster, No Matter What the North Does," <http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/14947/>

Jonathan Lash, "The Road from Bali," <http://www.wri.org/stories/2007/12/road-bali#>

Class #11: GOVERNANCE AND CORRUPTION

World Bank Anti-Corruption Initiative

<http://www.worldbank.org/html/extdr/comments/governancefeedback/gacpaper.pdf>

Dennis de Tray, "Governance and Corruption: An Impolitic View", CGD Brief, <http://www.cgdev.org/content/opinion/detail/11670/>

Maureen Lewis, "Governance and Corruption in Public Health Care Systems -Working Paper 78," <http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/5967/>

Class#12: WHY IS AFRICA GROWING SO SLOWLY?

David Bloom and Jeffrey Sachs, "Geography, Demography and Economic Growth in Africa," *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity No. 2*, Washington DC: The Brookings Institution, 1998. <http://xydesign.ucsd.edu/twiki/pub/Experimentalproduct/NetworkStuff/GeographyinAfrica-BloomandSachs..pdf>

Paul Collier and Jan Gunning, "Explaining African Economic Performance," CSAE Working Paper, WPS 97-2.2 <http://www.csae.ox.ac.uk/workingpapers/pdfs/9702text.pdf>

Class #13: FOREIGN AID

Economics of Development, Ch 14

David Roodman, “The 2007 Commitment to Development Index: Components and Results,” <http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/14565>

William Easterly, “The Cartel of Good Intentions,” CGD Working Paper #4, <http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/2786>

Class#14: NEW APPROACHES TO FOREIGN AID

Paul Collier, The Bottom Billion, Part 4

Steven Radelet, “The Millennium Challenge Account: Soft Power or Collateral Damage?,” <http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/2859>

Todd Moss, “Will Debt Relief Make a Difference? Impact and Expectations of the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative,” CGD Working Paper 88 <http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/7912>