

**ECO 7361-001 ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COMPARATIVE DEVELOPMENT**  
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**Course Description:** Ever since the emergence of economics as a discipline, economists have been trying to provide an answer to what causes some countries to be poor and others rich. Are economies' fates determined by their geographical endowments? Their culture? Their institutions? Why do some countries produce so much more output than others even under similar technical circumstances? What is the effect of globalization on development? What are the historical roots of contemporary economic performance? These questions occupy an increasing part of the agenda among growth and development economists. In this course we will study some of the answers that have been proposed to these and other questions.

The objective of the course is to introduce you to the frontier of research in the area of economic growth and comparative development. Additionally, it will introduce you to some of the necessary economic, computational, and mathematical tools to read, understand, and replicate the current academic research in this area. The course will give you the opportunity to learn to present and criticize other people's ideas through presentations, replications and referee reports. Finally, the course will give you the opportunity to work on a research question of your own in this area.

**Learning Outcomes:** You will learn key models in economic growth and comparative development. By the end of the course, you will be familiar with the frontier research done in the area of economic growth and comparative development. You will know the main theories and empirical facts. You will learn the basic skills for research in economics. Finally, you should be able to provide and test solve models for your research.

**Text:** The main textbook for the course is [Unified Growth Theory](#) by Oded Galor. We will also use (working) papers and chapters from the Handbook on Economic Growth and other sources.

**Software:** We will learn some computational tools that are useful for research. For his purpose download and install the following software:

- [Continuum Anaconda Python Distribution](#). Also, learn some basic Python at [CodeAcademy.com](#) and go over the Part I of Sargent and Stachurski's [Quantitative Economics \(Python\)](#).
- [QGIS](#)
- [GDAL/OGR/GEOS](#)
- [LaTeX/LyX](#)

**Course Requirements:**

**Reading:** **\*\* Required, \* papers to choose for presentation or reports.** Reading the material before coming to class is required. This will increase your understanding of the various subjects we will cover and allow you to ask questions and participate in the discussion.

**Attendance:** Attendance is obligatory and does affect your grade directly.

**Homework:** There will be no homework

**Disability Accommodations:** Students needing academic accommodations for a disability must first be registered with Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies (DASS) to verify the disability and to establish eligibility for accommodations. Students may call 214-768-1470 or visit <http://www.smu.edu/alec/dass> to begin the process. Once registered, students should then schedule an appointment with the professor to make appropriate arrangements.

**Religious Observance:** Religiously observant students wishing to be absent on holidays that require missing class should notify their professors in writing at the beginning of the semester, and should discuss with them, in advance, acceptable ways of making up any work missed because of the absence. (See University Policy No. 1.9.)

**Excused Absences for University Extracurricular Activities:** Students participating in an officially sanctioned, scheduled University extracurricular activity should be given the opportunity to make up class assignments or other graded assignments missed as a result of their participation. It is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements with the instructor prior to any missed scheduled examination or other missed assignment for making up the work. (University Undergraduate Catalogue)

**Honor Code:** All work undertaken and submitted in this course is governed by the University's honor code. If any student is unclear about the University's honor policy – either in general or its particular application in this course – please contact your instructor immediately.

**Exams:**           **NO EXAMS OR QUIZZES.**

**Grading Criteria:**

Grading will be based on a research paper. Prior to this you have to present in class your proposal and make an appointment to discuss it. This will count for 50% of your final grade. Another 25% will be based on writing and discussing in class a referee report for 5 papers from the reading list. The last 25% will come from presenting 3 papers from the reading list (about 60-75 minutes each presentation).

Research Paper.....	40%
Referee reports, replication notebooks, Slides/LaTeX files, Code .....	25%
Presentations.....	25%
Attendance and Participation.....	10%

*Presentation-Referee Reports Tips*

The referee reports and presentation should cover the following: (i) Why is the paper important (or why not)? (ii) An overview of the core contributions of the paper. (iii) What you liked or did not like about the paper. (iv) How could be improved, what other questions may be asked (v) how the paper is connected to others in the course.

## Tentative Course Outline:

- I. **From Stagnation to Growth: The evolution of economies from the dawn of human civilization to the modern era**
  - a. \*\* Galor, O. 2011 Ch. 1 & 2
  - b. Galor, O., 2005, "From Stagnation to Growth: Unified Growth Theory" *Handbook of Economic Growth*, North-Holland
  - c. Mokyr J. and J. Voth, 2006, [Understanding Growth in Europe, 1700-1870: Theory and Evidence](http://atar.mscc.huji.ac.il/%7Emelchior/DEGIT/mokyr.pdf) <http://atar.mscc.huji.ac.il/%7Emelchior/DEGIT/mokyr.pdf>
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  - e. Mokyr, J., 1992, *The Lever of Riches: Technological Creativity and Economic Progress*. Oxford University Press
  - f. \*\* Diamond, Jared, 1997, *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*. (Part 1)
  - g. Livi-Bacci, M., 1997, *A Concise History of World Population*, Oxford: Blackwell.
  
- II. **The Malthusian Epoch: Theory and Empirics**
  - a. \*\* Galor, O. 2011 Ch. 3
  - b. Ashraf, Quamrul and Oded Galor (2011), "Dynamics and Stagnation in the Malthusian Epoch" *American Economic Review*, 101(5): 2003–2041.
  - c. Malthus, T. R., 1798, *An Essay on the Principle of Population*.
  - d. Kremer, M., 1993, "Population Growth: 1 Million B.C. to the Present," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 108, 681-716.
  - e. \*\*Persson, K.G., 2008, "The Malthus Delusion", *European Review of Economic History*, 12, 165-173.
  
- III. **Population and Growth: Theories of the Demographic Transition**
  - a. \*\* Galor, O. 2011 Ch. 4
  - b. \*\* Galor, O. and D. Weil, 1996, "The Gender Gap, Fertility and Growth", *American Economic Review*, 86, 374-387.
  - c. \*\* Galor, O. and D. Weil, 2000, "Population, Technology, and Growth: From the Malthusian Regime to the Demographic Transition and Beyond," *American Economic Review*, 89, 806-828.
  - d. Becker, G.S. (1981), *A Treatise on the Family*, (Harvard University Press, Cambridge).
  - e. \*\* Becker, G.S. H.G. Lewis (1973), "On the Interaction between the Quantity and Quality of Children", *Journal of Political Economy*, 81: S279-S288.
  - f. Kalemli-Ozcan, S. (2002), "Does the Mortality Decline Promote Economic Growth", *Journal of Economic Growth* 7: 411-439.
  - g. Doepke, M. (2005), "Child Mortality and Fertility Decline: Does the Barro-Becker Model Fit the Facts?", *Journal of Population Economics* 17:
  - h. Caldwell, W. J. (1976), "Toward a Restatement of Demographic Transition Theory", *Population and Development Review*, 2: 321-66.
  - i. Cervelatti, M and U. Sunde, 2011, "Life Expectancy and Economic Growth: The Role of the Demographic Transition", *Journal of Economic Growth*, 16(2), 99-133
  
- IV. **Unified Growth Theory: Theory and Quantitative Evaluation**
  - a. \*\* Galor, O. 2011 Ch. 5
  - b. \*\* Galor, O. and D. Weil, 2000, "Population, Technology, and Growth: From the Malthusian Regime to the Demographic Transition and Beyond," *American Economic Review*, 89, 806-828.

- c. Galor, O. and D. Weil, 1999, "From Malthusian Stagnation to Modern Growth," *American Economic Review*, 88, 150-154.
- d. \*\* Hansen G. and E. Prescott, 2002, "Malthus to Solow". *American Economic Review*, 92, 1205-1217.
- e. Lagerlof, N. (2006), "The Galor-Weil Model Revisited: A Quantitative Exercise", *Review of Economic Dynamics*, 9, 116-142.
- f. Desmet, K and S. Parente, 2012, "The evolution of markets and the revolution of industry: a unified theory of growth", *Journal of Economic Growth*
- g. Cervelatti, M and U. Sunde, 2005 "Human Capital Formation, Life Expectancy, and the Process of Development", *American Economic Review*, 95(5), 1653-1672

## V. Comparative Economic Development

### a. Overview of the Literature

- i. Ashraf Quamrul and Oded Galor "Dynamics and Stagnation in the Malthusian Epoch", *American Economic Review* (2011), 101(5), pp. 2003-2041
- ii. Cameron Rondo and Neal Larry, "A Concise Economic History of the World: From Paleolithic Times to the Present" (2002), New York: Oxford University Press.
- iii. Comin, Diego A., Bill Easterly, and Erick Gong. "Was the Wealth of Nations Determined in 1000 B.C.?" *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 2, no. 3 (2010): 65-97.
- iv. Diamond Jared, "Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies" (1997), W.W. Norton & Company.
- v. [Galor Oded, "From Stagnation to Growth: Unified Growth Theory," \*Handbook of Economic Growth\*, 2005, 171-293.](#)
- vi. Mokyr, Joel. 1990 *The Lever of Riches: Technological Creativity and Economic Progress*, Oxford University Press 1990.
- vii. Nunn, Nathan and Nancy Qian, "The Columbian Exchange: a Historical Change in Food, Disease and Ideas" *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 24(2), Spring 2010.
- viii. Nunn, Nathan and Nancy Qian, "The Impact of Potatoes on Old World Population and Urbanization" (with Nathan Nunn), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, May 2011.
- ix. Nunn, Nathan (2013): "Historical Development," in *Handbook of Economic Growth*, Volume 2, ed. by P. Aghion, and S. Durlauf, vol. 2. Elsevier, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- x. Putterman Louis and David Weil, "Post-1500 Population Flows and the Long Run Determinants of Economic Growth and Inequality", *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 125 (4): 1627-1682, 2010.
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### b. Geography

- i. \*\* Gallup, J. L., J. D. Sachs and A. D. Mellinger (1998), "Geography and Economic Development", NBER Working Paper No. w6849.
- ii. \*\* Galor O and Ö. Özak. [The Agricultural Origins of Time Preference](#). *American Economic Review*. 2016: 106(10):3064–3103.
- iii. Olsson, Ola & Hibbs, Douglas Jr., 2005. "[Biogeography and long-run economic development](#)," *European Economic Review*, Elsevier, vol. 49(4), pages 909-938, May.
- iv. Nunn N, Puga D. [Ruggedness: The Blessing of Bad Geography in Africa](#). *Review of Economics and Statistics*. 2012;94(1):20-36.

- v. Thomas Barnebeck Andersen & Carl-Johan Dalgaard & Pablo Selaya, 2011. "[Eye Disease and Development](#)," [Discussion Papers](#) 11-22, University of Copenhagen. Department of Economics.
- vi. Alberto Alesina & Paola Giuliano & Nathan Nunn, 2013. "[On the Origins of Gender Roles: Women and the Plough](#)," [The Quarterly Journal of Economics](#), Oxford University Press, vol. 128(2), pages 469-530.
- vii. Ömer Özak, 2012. "[Distance to the Technological Frontier and Economic Development](#)," [Departmental Working Papers](#) 1201, Southern Methodist University, Department of Economics.
- viii. Mitton, T. 2013, "[The Wealth of Subnations: Geography, Institutions, and Within-Country Development](#)"
- ix. Motamed, Mesbah J. & Florax, Raymond J.G.M. & Masters, William J., 2009. "[Geography and Economic Transition: Global Spatial Analysis at the Grid Cell Level](#)," [2009 Annual Meeting, July 26-28, 2009, Milwaukee, Wisconsin](#) 49589, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association.
- x. \* Alex Trew, 2014, [Spatial Takeoff in the First Industrial Revolution](#)
- xi. Gordon C. McCord & Jeffrey D. Sachs, 2013. "[Development, Structure, and Transformation: Some Evidence on Comparative Economic Growth](#)", NBER Working Paper No. 19512
- xii. Dao, Nguyen Thang & Dávila, Julio, 2013. "[Can geography lock a society in stagnation?](#)," [Economics Letters](#), Elsevier, vol. 120(3), pages 442-446.

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- i. \*\*Galor O and Ö. Özak. [The Agricultural Origins of Time Preference](#). American Economic Review. 2016: 106(10):3064–3103.
- ii. \*\*Galor O., Ö. Özak and A. Sarid. [Geographical Origins and Economic Consequences of Language Structures](#), 2016
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- v. Nunn N, Wantchekon L. [The Slave Trade and the Origins of Mistrust in Africa](#). American Economic Review. 2011;101(7):3221-3252.
- vi. Luigi Guiso & Paola Sapienza & Luigi Zingales, 2009. "[Cultural Biases in Economic Exchange?](#)," [The Quarterly Journal of Economics](#), MIT Press, vol. 124(3), pages 1095-1131, August.
- vii. Guido Tabellini, 2010. "[Culture and Institutions: Economic Development in the Regions of Europe](#)," [Journal of the European Economic Association](#), MIT Press, vol. 8(4), pages 677-716, 06.
- viii. Enrico Spolaore & Romain Wacziarg, 2013. "[Long-Term Barriers to Economic Development](#)," [NBER Working Papers](#) 19361, National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
- ix. Jakob Madsen & Eric Yan, 2013. "[The First Great Divergence and the Evolution of Cross-Country Income Inequality during the Last Millennium: the Role of Institutions and Culture](#)," [Monash Economics Working Papers](#) 14-13, Monash University, Department of Economics.
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- xiii. \* Raymond Fisman and Edward Miguel "Corruption, Norms, and Legal Enforcement: Evidence from Diplomatic Parking Tickets", *Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 115, No. 6 (December 2007), pp. 1020-1048

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- ii. \*\* Acemoglu, D., S. Johnson and J.A. Robinson (2005), "Institutions as a Fundamental Cause of Long-Run Growth" *Handbook of Economic Growth*, North-Holland.
- iii. \*\* Daron Acemoglu & Simon Johnson & James A. Robinson, 2001. "[The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation](#)," [American Economic Review](#), American Economic Association, vol. 91(5), pages 1369-1401, December.
- iv. David Y. Albouy, 2008. "[The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Investigation of the Settler Mortality Data](#)," [NBER Working Papers](#) 14130, National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
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- vi. \*\*Olsson, Ola & Paik, Christopher, 2013. "[A Western Reversal since the Neolithic? The long-run impact of early agriculture](#)," [Working Papers in Economics](#) 552, University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics.
- vii. Nathan Nunn, 2012. "[Culture and the Historical Process](#)," [NBER Working Papers](#) 17869, National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
- viii. Nunn N, Giuliano P. [The Transmission of Democracy: From the Village to the Nation-State](#). *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*. 2013;103(3):86-92
- ix. \*\* Daron Acemoglu & Davide Cantoni & Simon Johnson & James A. Robinson, 2011. "[The Consequences of Radical Reform: The French Revolution](#)," [American Economic Review](#), American Economic Association, vol. 101(7), pages 3286-3307, December.
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- ii. \*\* Galor, O., Moav O. and D. Vollrath, (2009), "Land Inequality and the Emergence of Human Capital Promoting Institutions and the Great Divergence" *Review of Economic Studies*, 76. 143-179.
- iii. \* Galor, O., and O. Moav, 2006, "Das Human Kapital: A Theory of the Demise of the class Structure". *Review of Economic Studies*, 73, 85-117.
- iv. Lee, Jong-Wha & Barro, Robert J, 2001. "[Schooling Quality in a Cross-Section of Countries](#)," [Economica](#), London School of Economics and Political Science, vol. 68(272), pages 465-88, November.
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- vi. \* Edward L. Glaeser & Sari Pekkala Kerr & William R. Kerr, 2012. "[Entrepreneurship and Urban Growth: An Empirical Assessment with Historical Mines](#)," [NBER Working Papers](#) 18333, National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
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- viii. \*\*Galor O., Ö. Özak and A. Sarid. [Geographical Origins and Economic Consequences of Language Structures](#), 2016
- ix. Becker Sascha and Ludger Woessmann, "Was Weber Wrong? A Human Capital Theory of Protestant Economic History," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, May 2009
- x. Botticini Maristella and Zvi Eckstein "[From Farmers to Merchants, Conversions, and Diaspora: Human Capital and Jewish History](#)." *Journal of the European Economic Association* 5, no. 5 (September 2007).
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- ii. Remi Jedwab & Alexander Moradi, 2013. "[Transportation Technology and Economic Change: The Impact of Colonial Railroads on City Growth in Africa](#)," [CSAE Working Paper Series](#) 2013-17, Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford.
- iii. \* Dave Donaldson & Richard Hornbeck, 2016. "[Railroads and American Economic Growth: A "Market Access" Approach](#)," *QJE*
- iv. \*\*Pascali Luigi, "[The Wind of Change: Maritime Technology, Trade and Economic Development](#)", forthcoming *AER*
- v. \*\*Depetris-Chauvin E. and Ö. Özak. [The Origins and Long-Run Consequences of the Division of Labor](#), 2016

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  - viii. \* Davis, Donald and David Weinstein. 2002. "Bones, Bombs, and Break Points: The Geography of Economic Activity," *American Economic Review*, 92 (5): 1269-1289.
  - ix. \* Bleakley, Hoyt and Jeffrey Lin. 2012. "Portage: Path Dependence and Increasing Returns in U.S. History," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 127 (2): 587-644.
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  - ii. \*\* Michalopoulos, S., 2012. "[The Origins of Ethnolinguistic Diversity](#)," [American Economic Review](#), 102(4), 1508-39.
  - iii. \*\* Ashraf, Q. and O. Galor (2013), "The Out of Africa Hypothesis, Genetic Diversity and Comparative Economic Development," [American Economic Review](#) 103, 1-46.
  - iv. \*\*Depetris-Chauvin E. and Ö. Özak. [The Origins and Long-Run Consequences of the Division of Labor](#), 2016
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- h. **Persistence**
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- vi. Enrico Spolaore & Romain Wacziarg, 2013. "[Long-Term Barriers to Economic Development](#)," [NBER Working Papers](#) 19361, National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
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- ix. William Tompson and Kentaro Sakuwa, 2013, "[Was Wealth Really Determined in 8000 BCE, 1000 BCE, 0 CE, or even 1500CE?](#)"
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## i. **The Neolithic Revolution**

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