

GROWTH, DISTRIBUTION AND INSTITUTIONS

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Evaluation:

Students have to choose two among the 12 papers in boxes that are listed thereafter for either oral presentation, discussion, or referee report. The referee report is due before the session. Additional materials, especially for discussants, are indicated by a star.

Menu A : 1 Oral Presentation (10 slides, 20') + 1 Oral Discussion (5')

Menu B : 1 Oral Discussion (5') + 1 Referee Report (3 pages, not more)

5 dimensions are taken into account with equal weights:

- quality of summary ;
- understanding and critique of economic argument ;
- understanding and critique of empirical methodology ;
- other bibliographical references ;
- quality of oral presentation or of written text.

Assiduity and spontaneous participation are also taken into account in the final grade.

Assiduity is required for no less than 6 sessions over 8, in order to be allowed to validate.

Road Map:

1. Institutions and Other Things
2. The African Case in Perspective

Reproduction and Social Mobility

3. Social Mobility in Developing Countries
4. Investments in Children
5. Food, Diseases, and Mortality

Institutions

6. Reversals of Fortune: Colonization 1
7. Beyond Settlement and Extraction: Colonization 2
8. Post-Colonial Policies and Politics

Papers for Evaluation

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