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DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

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Summer 2008 (in Mexico)
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Required text (will be available at the UC Bookstore):

Santosh Mehrotra & Enrique Delamonica, *Eliminating Human Poverty: Macroeconomic & Social Policies for Equitable Growth*. Zed Books, 2007.

Suggested reading:

Jeffrey Sachs, *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities of Our Time*. The Penguin Press, available in paperback, 2005. Students have the option of reading the book or a 39 page typed summary of the book written by Paul Haber. This summary has been emailed to everyone in the class.

William Easterly, William Easterly, *The White Man's Burden: Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest Have Done so Much Ill and So Little Good*. The Penguin Press, available in paperback, 2006. See, in particular, chapter 7 on AIDS, pp. 238-65.

Paul Collier, *The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can Be Done About It*. Oxford University Press, 2007.

This is a seminar course on the political economy of development aimed at mitigating poverty. No assumptions are made regarding the background of students. However, I do assume that students are willing to work hard and put in the time necessary to read this challenging required text, take careful written notes on the assigned reading, and to come to class prepared to ask questions and discuss the readings assigned for that day. Students are strongly encouraged to read the book and take notes before the program begins and then to re-read the text again and take additional notes as it is assigned during the program. Most students will find the reading quite challenging and there will be many parts of the reading that will require help to understand well. I will be happy to answer questions and to explain the reading but only after students have put in the necessary time to read and take careful notes.

Reading Assignments and Exam Schedule:

June 17 Chapters 1 & 2 Introduction and Integrating macroeconomic and social policies to trigger synergies
June 19 Chapter 3 Macroeconomic policies and institutions for pro-poor growth
June 24 Chapter 4 The (in)adequacy of public spending on basic social services
June 26 Chapter 5 The distribution of benefits of health and education spending
July 1 No class. Study Day.
July 3 Oral Exam #1
July 10 Chapter 7 Governance reforms to address the systemic problems of state provision of basic services
July 15 Chapter 8 Promoting complementary public and private provision
July 17 Chapter 9 Taxation and mobilization of additional resources for public social services
July 22 Chapters 10 & 11 Consistency between aid and trade policies and the Millennium Goals & Conclusion
July 24 Oral Exam #2