

Lectures on TuTh from 2-3:30 at Kroeber 155 with Professor Bruno Meyerhof Salama, brunosalama@law.berkeley.edu. **Office Hours** at 2240 Piedmont # 212 on Thursdays from 12h45-1h45pm, or by appointment. GSI is George Lambeth Vicent, george.lambeth@berkeley.edu.

Summary. The course examines the role of law and institutions in promoting development in the developing world. The main topics include: competing conceptions of development; theories of economic growth; the New Institutional Economics; the relationship between democracy and development; public administration, corruption and development; competing theories of the role of law in development; discussions about ethnic diversity; land and property rights reform; infrastructure and development; state-owned enterprises; state intervention; foreign investment and trade policy; and the role of foreign aid and international institutions in development.

Bibliography. The course is based on Michael Trebilcock and Mariana Prado, *Advanced Introduction to Law and Development* (Edward Elgar, 2014). Students are expected to acquire the book. Other texts and materials will be made available at the course website.

Class structure. Students will be assigned a previous reading material (normally, a book chapter from *Advanced Introduction to Law and Development*). Class starts with a short quiz about the assigned reading which is basically designed to evaluate reading comprehension. Answers will be graded. Lecture resumes with a discussion of the quiz and the development of related topics. The first quiz will cover chapter 1 of the coursebook. The dates for all other quizzes will be announced in class and posted online. DSP students should talk to professor in private to discuss alternatives, when necessary.

Grading.

- Classroom quizzes: 40%. Students keep the 10 highest grades and discard the rest.
- Term paper: 50%. Instructions and grading rubric are available online. Due date: April 30, 2019
- Participation in discussion section: 10%

Sequence.

1. Defining development
2. Determinants of development
3. Institutional theories of development
4. The rule of law and development: a legal perspective
5. The rule of law: an economic perspective
6. Political regimes and development
7. Ethnic conflict and development
8. Gender and development
9. Public administration and development
10. Corruption and development
11. State-owned enterprises, privatization and public-private partnerships
12. International trade
13. Foreign direct investment
14. Foreign aid
15. Conclusion

GSI sections. Designed mostly to help students write their term papers.

How to do well in the course?

- Study carefully the reading assignments (they are short!)
- Try not to miss too many quizzes
- Plan your paper well ahead
- Ask questions & voice your concerns sooner rather than later.

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This syllabus may be adjusted to accommodate topics of students' interest and other circumstances. Any changes will be announced in class and posted on the course website.