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Course description

The first theme of the course focuses on migration and urbanization.

The grade is determined by a presentation/discussion (40%) and an exam (60%). You will be arbitrarily separated into eight groups including two members. A working paper will be assigned to each group. While one member presents the paper (25 minutes), the other member discusses the paper (20 minutes).

Reading List

*Williamson, Jeffery. (1988). "Migration and Urbanization," Chapter 11 in Handbook of Development Economics Vol. 1 (Chenery, Hollis and T.N.Srinivasan, eds).

*Rosenzweig, Mark. (1988). "Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries," Chapter 15 in Handbook of Development Economics Vol. 1 (Chenery, Hollis and T. N. Srinivasan, eds).

Feng, S., M. Oppenheimer and W. Schlenker (2012). "Climate change, crop yields, and internal migration in the united states" NBER Working Paper 17734.

Chen, Y., G. Jin and Y.Yue (2010). "Peer migration in China" NBER Working Paper 15671.

Ebenstein, A., J. Zhang, M. McMillan and K. Chen (2011) "Chemical fertilizer and migration in China" NBER Working Paper 17245.

Abramitzky, R., L. Boustan and K. Eriksson (2012) "Have the poor always been less likely to migrate? Evidence from inheritance practices during the age of mass migration" NBER Working Paper 18298.

Ariga, K., F. Ohtake, M. Sasaki and Z. Wu (2012) "Wage growth through job hopping in China" IZA Discussion Paper 7104.

Long, W., S. Appleton and L. Song (2013) "Job contact networks and wages of rural-urban migrants in China" IZA Discussion Paper 7577.

Xing, C. and J. Zhang (2013) "The preference for larger cities in China: Evidence from rural-urban migrants" IZA Discussion Paper 7562.

Gallagher, M., J. Giles, A. Park and M. Wang (2013) "China's 2008 labor contract law: implementation and implications for China's workers" IZA Discussion Paper 7555.