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ECON 4774-001: Topics in Economic Development, History and Political Economy

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- Class Schedule: TTh 9:00 am to noon in ECON 119.
- Office Hours: Mondays noon to 1 pm and by appointment.
- Textbooks: There are four required textbooks for this class:
- 1) *The Rise and Decline of Nations* by Mancur Olson (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press), 1984, reprint.
 - 2) *War, Peace and Prosperity in the Name of God* by Murat Iyigun (Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press), 2015.
 - 3) *A Culture of Growth:y Prebok*

Course Outline

| <u>Week of</u> | <u>Topic</u> |
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| 5/13 | The Course Mechanics and Logistics Introduction & Facts to be Explained A Framework for Analysis The Solow Growth Model The Relevant Empirical Facts about the Big Picture Jones, Pritchett and Temple articles. |
| 5/20 | <i>The Rise and Decline of Nations</i> (Ch. 1, 2, 3) <i>The Rise and Decline of Nations</i> (Ch. 4, 5) <i>The Rise and Decline of Nations</i> (Ch. 6) <i>War, Peace and Prosperity in the Name of God</i> (Preface, Chs. 1, 2, 3, 4) <i>War, Peace and Prosperity in the Name of God</i> (Chs. 5 thru 11) |
| 5/24 | Midterm Student presentations on: <i>A Culture of Growth</i> (Chs. 1 thru 4) <i>A Culture of Growth</i> (Chs. 5, 6, 9, 10,) <i>A Culture of Growth</i> (Chs. 11, 13, 14, 15) <i>Rulers, Religion and Riches</i> (Chs. 1, 2, 3) <i>Rulers, Religion and Riches</i> (Chs. 4 thru 9) |
| 5/31 | Final Exam (May 31th, Friday) |

