

EE 562 Selected Topics in Development Economics (Urban Economics)

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Tuesdays 11:00 - 14:00hrs

Course Description

Urban economics is broadly the economic study of urban areas. It involves the use of economic tool to understand determinants of land price, the use of land, spatial distribution of economic activity, urban growth, city size, city planning, urban development and relationship to the built and natural environment. The course offers students the opportunity to build key skill sets to analyse urban issues, such as housing, transportation, crime, education, waste management, zoning and local government finance. The real-world policy application at international level are also covered, such as spatial distribution of income and mechanisms of the European Union's structural and cohesion policy as lessons for ASEAN Economic Community.

Pre-requisites

None. However it is recommended that students be well equipped with the tools of microeconomics and foundation of welfare economics.

Teaching and Learning Method

A combination of lectures, discussion and group projects is encouraged throughout the course. Students will be guided to select urban issues of interest to undertake an in-depth term project, to address causes of the problem and to give sets of policy recommendation.