

Course Outline

EE361 ECONOMICS OF CLMV COUNTRIES

Semester 2/2021 (January 10 – May 7, 2022)

Number of Credit : 3 (Three)

Prerequisites : None

Course Description

Four Southeast Asian countries namely Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Viet Nam (CLMV) have experienced phenomenal growth, averaging between 4-6% per year since year 2000, making the region currently one of the world's best performers in terms of economic growth. In understanding the development progress of these countries, it is imperative to provide an overview of their historical contexts i.e., shared experiences of colonialism, social/political conflicts following independence, and the post-conflict era of the 1990s and understand the various reforms undertaken by the governments of these countries. The opening up of the economy and the establishment of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Programme in 1992 enabled the gradual presence of official development assistance (ODA) channelled through, among others, the United Nations, World Bank, Asian Development Bank and various bilateral donors. These important milestones have contributed to the transformation of the socio-economic development of CLMV which we see today.

The course will further discuss commonalities and differences in their development trajectories and relationships with the outside world as well as issues and challenges in developing and implementing policies and programs in key development sectors, such as agriculture; education and health; transportation; trade; and urban and rural development, as well as in cross-cutting areas such as the environment, gender, climate change, and foreign aid and investments and international capital flows. The relationships between CLMV and Thailand as well as the rest of the world will also be discussed. Important lessons can be drawn from the successes and failures of development approaches, policies and programs as well as actual projects in these countries, which will be discussed in detail throughout the course. In order to hone students' understanding of the issues, case studies will be provided and students will form groups and present their understanding of the issues discussed during the course.

Aside from the required reading, additional materials will be drawn mostly from World Bank and Asian Development Bank publications, which are based on their experiences and involvement in various key development sectors in CLMV. Most of these materials are for the public and can be downloaded freely from the internet.

Course Objective

The objective of this course is to understand the relationship between economic development and globalization along with the processes, issues and challenges that arise.

Class Time and Logistic

Class day : Tuesdays & Thursdays

Class time : 9:30-11:00

Teaching Materials Platform: BE Moodle

Enrollment key: 2479

Meeting Platform: Zoom and In-class Learning (Hybrid)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7666589421?pwd=d3VvQk5Fb3VJR0ViaG9WUjdTUk50dz09>

Meeting ID: 766 658 9421

Passcode: redbud

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To facilitate quick responses to your e-mails/queries, all correspondence should include the class section (Subject: EE361). Better still, if students could add specifics, for example Subject: EE361_group presentation. Or Subject: EE361_midterm exam.

Main Text : **Todaro, M. and S. Smith. 2013. Economic Development, 13th ed.**
Addison Wesley: NY.

Additional Readings: To be announced in BE Moodle



Grading Criteria

The final grade will not rest on one or two activities, but rather, on how many points will be accumulated throughout the semester. Course requirements include participation (including virtual attendance, quizzes, and contribution to class discussions); group presentation on a particular topic learned in class; which aims to foster collaboration among students in selecting and appropriate topic based on course lecture; issue paper relating to coursework; and midterm and final exams. Late submission of assignments/exam: up to 30 minutes a penalty of 10%, up to 60 minutes a penalty of 25%. The weights of each of these items are as follows, and will be factored in towards the final grade:

- Participation	15%
- Group presentation	15%
- Issue paper	15%
- Midterm exam	25%
- Final exam	30%

Grade conversion

Numerical grades will be converted to letter grades as follows:

- >85–100	A
- >80–85	B+
- >70–80	B
- >65–70	C+
- >60–65	C
- >55–60	D+
- >45–55	D
- 45 and below	F

Class Policy and Expectations

In adherence with the latest University Announcements, BE Economics classes will combine online (zoom) and in-class learning semester for Semester 2/2021. while communication, announcements and grade posting will be on BE Moodle. At the beginning of each class, some time will be spent using the lecture format highlighting the key issues, but students will spend the rest of the time of the time engaging in discussions that support or confront the materials extracted from the required reading, for which students are expected to read ahead and be prepared. To obtain attendance credit, online students are required to turn on the computer screens for the first 15 minutes of class. For any further clarifications and/or queries, students may either e-mail or set up an appointment with the lecturer.

Expected Learning Outcomes:

It is expected that by the end of the course, students will have a good understanding of (i) the economic development trajectories of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam; (ii) commonalities and variations in terms of CLMV development policies and outcomes; (iii) key economic development sectors, their role in economic development and government policies to address the issues that arise; and (iv) the role of domestic, regional and international actors in the economic development of CLMV.

Tentative Class Schedule

Date/Week	Topic	Reading Materials
<u>Week 1</u>		
11 Jan	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Course objectives and requirements- Expectations of the course- Scope and coverage	Course syllabus
13 Jan	Geographical and Historical Context <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CLMV and Southeast Asia- The pre-colonial era- Colonial rule and liberation- Post-war periods of social conflict	Steinberg & Hakim, Ch 1
<u>Week 2</u>		
18 Jan	Era of Reform and Economic Growth <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The reform era: 1980s and 1990s- Resumption of foreign aid- Regional cooperation	Steinberg & Hakim, Ch 1; Cheang & Wong
20 Jan	The GMS Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Improving connectivity- Increasing competitiveness- Instilling sense of community	ADB GMS Economic Cooperation Program
<u>Week 3</u>		
25 Jan	Agriculture and Rural Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Agriculture labor and productivity- Land policy and food security	Todaro, Ch 9

27 Jan	Agriculture and Rural Development - Comparisons - Agriculture issues, trends and policies in CLMV - Case study: Vietnam's agricultural transformation	Rillo and Sombilla
<u>Week 4</u>		
1 Feb	Social Development: Education and Health - Health, education and productivity - Health policy and coverage - Formal and vocational education	Todaro, Ch 8
3 Feb	Education and Health Issues in CLMV - Policies, issues and trends across CLMV - Case study: Vocational training in Cambodia	
<u>Week 5</u>		
8 Feb	Transportation and Physical Connectivity - Transportation issues, trends and policies - Case study: East-West Economic Corridor	ADB: GMS Transport Sector Strategy
10 Feb	Urban Development – Issues - Spatial and economic trends - Rural-urban linkages - Urban management and finance	Steinberg & Hakim, Ch 1 & 4
<u>Week 6</u>		
15 Feb	Urban Development in CLMV - Urban issues, trends and policies - Case study: Thanh Hoa city, Viet Nam	TBD
17 Feb	Environmental Management and Climate Change - Environment vs the economy - Environmental policy - Climate change adaptation and mitigation	Todaro Ch 10
<u>Week 7</u>		
22 Feb	Environmental Management in CLMV-Case Studies - Nam Theun II hydropower, Laos - Biodiversity conservation corridors, Cambodia - Forestry livelihood improvement, Viet Nam	TBD
24 Feb	International Trade - Benefits and costs of trade	Todaro, Ch 12

Week 8

Midterm exam (3 March 9:00-11:00 am), no classes for 1 and 3 March

Week 9

8 Mar

Trade in CLMV

TBD

10 Mar

Economic Development in Cambodia
- Country context
- Reform policies
- Issues and challenges

ADB Cambodia
CPS 2019-2023

Week 10

15 Mar

Economic Development in Lao PDR
- Country context
- Reform policies
- Issues and challenges

World Bank 2017
Country Diagnostic

17 Mar

Economic Development in Myanmar
- Country context
- New mechanism and other reform policies
- Issues and challenges

ADB 2012 Myanmar
in Transition

Week 11

22 Mar

Economic Development in Viet Nam
- Country context
- Doi Moi and other reform policies
- Issues and challenges

World Bank Viet Nam
CPF 2018-2022

24 Mar

Gender and Development
- Importance of Gender
- Gender Mainstreaming

ADB: Gender and
Development

Week 12

29 Mar

Gender in CLMV
- Issues, trends and policies

31 Mar

Foreign Aid
- Objectives of official development assistance
- Pros and cons of aid

Todaro Ch 14

Week 13

5 Apr

Foreign Aid in CLMV

Moolio and Kong

7 Apr

Foreign Direct Investment and International Capital Flows

Todaro Ch 14

<u>Week 14</u>	Songkran Festival, no classes (11-17 Apr)	
<u>Week 15</u> 19 Apr	Thailand and CLMV Relationships	Sompop Manarusungan
21Apr	Group Presentation	
<u>Week 16</u> 26 Apr	Group Presentation	
28 Apr	Group Presentation	
<u>Week 17</u> 3 May	Wrap up and Pictorial Tour of CLMV - Lessons Learned - Commonalities and differences across CMLV	
<u>Week 18</u> 10 May	Final exam (1:30-4:30 pm)	

Academic Calendar for Semester 2/2021

Semester 2/2021 (January 10 – May 7, 2022)	
Classes Begin	January 10, 2022
Add-drop period	January 17 - 20, 2022 <i>(from 9.00 AM of January 17 to 10.30 PM of January 20)</i>
Tuition Fee Payment Period	7 December, 2021 - January 23, 2022 <i>(9 AM - 10.30 PM)</i>
<i>Makha Bucha Day*</i>	<i>February 16, 2022</i>
Mid-term Examination Period	February 28 - March 5, 2022
Withdrawal period with "W" on record	March 14 - April 25, 2022 <i>(from 9.00 AM of March 14 to 10.30 PM of April 25)</i>
<i>Chakri Memorial Day*</i>	<i>April 6, 2022</i>
<i>Songkran Festival Day*</i>	<i>April 11 - 17, 2022</i>
<i>Coronation Day*</i>	<i>May 4, 2022</i>
Last day of class for Semester 2/2021	May 7, 2022
Final exam period	May 9 - 12, 17 - 25, 2022
<i>Royal Ploughing Ceremony Day*</i>	<i>May 13, 2022</i>
<i>Visakha Bucha Day*</i>	<i>May 15, 2022</i>
<i>Substitution for Visakha Bucha Day*</i>	<i>May 16, 2022</i>

Remark * Holiday, No classes during this period