

Project for EE462 (Semester 1/2021)

- You are asked to write a research paper that analyzes possible relationships between two variables of interests related to the class materials. You are encouraged to narrow down the scope of your analysis by focusing on specific country (or countries), region(s), or year(s). You should focus on specific aspect of the issues and select measurable variables. For instance, you can use the secondary-school enrollment rate to indicate levels of education of population within a given country. You can also use one of the SDGs to capture a certain part of economic development. Your analysis should illustrate whether there is any pattern between the two variables of your choice, and explain why it might be the case. Full credits will be given when you are able to incorporate related theory or framework in analyzing the relationship.
- Your report needs to include:
 - Research title
 - Background of the issue
 - Problem statement (i.e. motivation of research)
 - Significance of the study (“So what” question)
 - Research objective
 - Scope of study (e.g. what country, region, or time frame)
 - Literature review (what has been studied in the past, what is known, and what’s not known) – You should cite at least three related papers.
 - Descriptive statistics
 - Possible theoretical framework or methodology to analyze causal relationship (Optional)
 - References – APA format
- Suggested sources of literature:
 - Econlit (Available in TU library database)
Off-campus link - <https://login.ezproxy.tulibs.net/login>
 - JSTOR
 - Journals: Journal of Development Economics, World Development, World Bank Economic Review, NBER Working Paper

- Examples of variables of interests:
 - Education and economic growth/development
 - Economic growth and inequality
 - Investment and economic growth/development
 - Corruption and economic growth/development
 - Political stability and economic growth/development
 - Foreign aid and economic growth/development
 - Foreign debt and economic growth/development
 - Trade and economic growth/development
 - New technology and economic growth
 - Your own choice (under the instructor's permission)

- Your written report should not exceed 10 pages (12 fonts, Times New Roman, 1.5 space), including main tables and figures. Additional tables or supplemental texts can be put in the appendix.

- The report is due on December 10, 2021 at noon.