



Course Outline

EE365 ECONOMICS OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Semester 2/2023

Class Time and Logistic

Class day: Monday

Class time: 09.00 – 12.00

Venue: Room 2AB, Language Institute Building

Teaching Materials Platform: MS Team

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Instructor:

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Number of Credit: 3 credits

Prerequisite: EE211 and EE212

Course Description:

Dynamics of local development in rural and urban areas. Economic and social theories regarding communities and collective action of people in communities. Interactions between livelihoods, natural resource capital, cultural and ethnic factors, and their influences on local farm and non-farm economic activities. Responses and adaptation of local communities to development policies. Roles of actors, such as community leaders, government officers, local administrative organizations, academics, and non-governmental organizations in local development. Analysis of capacities and limitations of local communities for collaboration in the allocation of resources and conducting economic activities. Sustainable development in the context of local development. Alternative approaches for local development.

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Course Objectives:

- 1) Students gain knowledge and understanding of dynamics of knowledge and policies on rural development at the international level in relations with those of Thailand.
- 2) Students explore analytical framework in rural development, especially from economics, and also understand the strengths and weaknesses of standard economic theories in explaining rural development.
- 3) Students explore some issues in rural development, globalization, and rural development, grassroots rural development, resource dependence, migration, entrepreneurship, rural development and tourism, gender and rural development, microfinance, land grabbing, and climate adaptation.

Recommended Textbooks & Materials:

In this course, we use both textbooks and papers as our reading materials. Main readings:

Eicher, Carl K. and Staatz, John M. (edited). (1998). "International agricultural development, Third Edition". Baltimore (Md.) : Johns Hopkins university press, 1998. (Chapter 1).

Green, Gary. 2013. "Handbook of Rural Development." Edited by Gary Paul Green. Cheltenham, England: Edward Elgar Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781781006719>. (Chapter 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12)

Suggested Readings :

Scoones, Ian. 1998. "Sustainable Rural Livelihoods: A Framework for Analysis." IDS Working Paper 72. <https://opendocs.ids.ac.uk/opendocs/handle/20.500.12413/3390>.

Taylor, J. Edward, and Irma Adelman. 2003. "Agricultural Household Models: Genesis, Evolution, and Extensions." *Review of Economics of the Household* 1 (1/2): 33-58.

Ostrom, E. (2002) Type of good and collective action, *Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis*, Indiana University.

Ostrom, E. (2011) Background on the Institutional Analysis and Development Framework, *The Policy Studies Journal*, 39(1): 7-27

Grading Criteria :

- Participations & assignments.	10 %
- Reflection from a field trip.	10 %
• Expected date for the field trip: March 23-24, 2024.	
• Students are required to join. Those who are unable to join please discuss with the lecturer for a substitute assignment. The trip is funded by BE Programme.	
- Reflection from guest speaker(s)	10 %
- Midterm exam (March 4, 2024; 09.00 – 11.00 hrs.)	30 %
- Final exam	40 %

Expected Learning Outcomes :

- Understanding concepts and theories in local and rural development and being able to discuss and provide critical thinking on related issues to the course contents.

- Writing skills in summarizing comprehensive topics and explaining issues in economics of local development.
- Analyzing and using the data to support evidence and tell stories from the data, as well as writing & presenting project planning and project assessment.

Tentative Class Schedule :

Date	Topics
Jan 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to EE365 course.
Jan 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dynamics of Rural Development Policies: International Experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 1950 – 1960s: Economic growth and modernization era
Jan 22 (Online)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 1970s: Growth with equity ◦ 1980 – 1990s: Macroeconomic and policy reform and institutional restructuring
Jan 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 1990 – 2020s: Sustainable development and New Rural Development Paradigm. • Dynamics of Rural Development in Thailand: From Rural Reconstruction, Sufficiency Economy Philosophy to Farmer as Entrepreneur and political actors.
Feb 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analytical Frameworks for Rural Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sustainable Livelihood Framework
Feb 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Social Capital ◦ Financial Capital: Microfinance
Feb 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Natural Capital: Collective Actions in Common-pool resource management ◦ Physical Capital: Induced innovation and technological adoption.
Feb 26 (Online)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Agricultural Household Model
Midterm Exam	Midterm Exam, March 4, 2024; 09.00 – 11.00 hrs.
Mar 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues in Rural Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Resource dependence and rural development
Mar 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Migration and rural development ◦ Entrepreneurship
Mar 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The rural development attributes of tourism ◦ Gender and rural development
Apr 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Land grabbing in the name of development ◦ Climate adaptation and rural development

Date	Topics
Apr 8 (Online)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roles of Actors in Local Development (1)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Roles of Market, State, and Civil Society○ Roles of Institutions○ Social Business Model <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Guest Speaker: Sunit Shrestha, Director of Change Fusion Institute</p>
Apr 15	Songkran Holiday
Apr 22	(Cancelled, make-up class to be announced).
Apr 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roles of Actors in Local Development (2)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Roles of NGOs and Social Entrepreneurs <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Guest Speaker: Aukrit Unahalekhaka, CEO of Ricult, Thailand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Roles of Local Administrative Organization <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Guest Speaker: (TBC).</p>
May 6	No Class
Final Exam	Final Exam, Tuesday, May 7, 2024; 09.00 – 12.00 hrs.