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Guest Lecture at CUCEA, Universidad de Guadalajara, México DEVELOPMENT MICROECONOMICS

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Seminar:

Wednesday, September 2nd (17h-21h)

Seminar room

Thursday, September 3rd (18h-21h)

Seminar room

Friday, September 4th (17h-21h)

Seminar room

Evaluation:

Exam upon last seminar meeting

Course description

The seminar of Development Microeconomics is based in the analysis of household decisions restricted by imperfect markets for development relevant items such as land or insurance. Theories presented throughout this seminar will shed light on the rationale behind seemingly illogical or irrational decisions taken by individuals in poor countries.

The seminar will focus on the following topics:

- Urban-rural migration decisions
- Land markets and different forms of cultivation
- Decisions to carry out different insurance schemes

Course outline:

- 1. The Harris-Todaro model of rural-urban migration
- 2. Policy implications of urban poverty
- 3. Land distribution and land inequality
- 4. Land cultivation and land markets
- 5. Insurance markets
- 6. Possibilities and limits for insurance schemes in developing countries