Institutions, Regulation and Performance of Firms and Economies

CSIB 887
Doctoral Seminar in International Business

Course Outline and Reading List

Introduction

This is a half-semester course dealing with the role of institutions and regulation on economic performance of various types of firms and economies. The overall goal is to give students an introduction into recent theoretical and empirical literature in this area. We will analyze the principal theoretical and empirical studies, evaluate existing data sets and identify research topics. In addition to providing an overview of the most important phenomena, the course will review frontier research in order to help students to identify possible research topics.

Students are expected to read the assignments on the reading list before class and participate in class discussions. Students will also be asked to lead discussions of some papers on the reading list. The readings will be available from Ms. Faith Vlcek, Executive Assistant at the William Davidson Institute, one week before class. Finally, students are expected to complete a term paper that they may have started in Winter A or that they will start in the present course.
The Reading List

1. International Differences in Institutions and Regulation


2. Capital Structure, Credit Rationing and Soft Budget Constraints


Alcacer, Juan, David Li and Jan Svejnar, TBA


3. Law, Finance and Growth


4. Currency Crises and FDI


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