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Determinants of Long-Run Growth: Institutions, Geography, or Culture

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Contents. This seminar surveys and discusses some of the main debates concerning the origins of the vast differences in economic development across space. We will be exploring why some nations became rich, while others remained poor, and to examine the institutional, geographical, and cultural/religious determinants of long-run economic growth.

Prerequisites. This seminar is a graduate level seminar. We will be discussing some empirical academic papers. You, therefore, should have a good knowledge of econometrics.

Time. Mondays 10:00 - 12:00 Uhr, 12:00 - 14:00 Uhr.

Room. tba

Examination.

- Class Presentation (50%): a 30-minute presentation of an academic paper.
- Referee Report (50%): 4-5 pages critical evaluation of a recent working paper.
- Details will be provided in the first meeting.