

Each student will pick a country and write 10 homework assignments based on the topic we are covering in class. These topics are listed in the syllabus along with the due dates for each assignment. For each topic you will submit a 2-4 page double-spaced 12 point font research based memo. Cite sources for each fact and list references using a standard reference format. When there are multiple topics that are listed for a given assignment (urbanization / migration / the informal sector for example) select the topic that is the most interesting to you from among the options listed. The format is designed for you to select a country that is currently classified as ‘developing’ according to the definitions of the World Bank presented in class. However, at times students have selected a country not currently classified as ‘developing’ and adopted more of a historical perspective.

History and Context:

Sources (not meant as a comprehensive list, but should be enough to get you going):

African Development Bank: www.afdb.org

Asian Development Bank: www.adb.org

Caribbean Development Bank: www.caribank.org

CIA World Factbook: <https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/>

Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research: www.cgiar.org -in particular, look at International Food Policy Research Institute <http://www.ifpri.org/>

Food and Agricultural Organization: www.fao.org

In particular FAOSTAT <https://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#home>

Fund for Peace Fragile States Index <https://fragilestatesindex.org/>

International Labor Organization: www.ilo.org

International Monetary Fund: www.imf.org Look at country reports and PRSPs

Millennium Challenge Corporation: <https://www.mcc.gov/>

North American Development Bank: <https://www.nadb.org/>

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development: www.oecd.org

In particular OECD Stat: <http://stats.oecd.org/>

The Economist Intelligence Unit:

<https://researchguides.library.syr.edu/az/databases>

The Penn World Tables: <http://www.rug.nl/research/ggdc/data/pwt/>

UK FCDO (used to be DFID): <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office>

United Nations Development Program: www.undp.org, and <http://hdr.undp.org/en/> for the human development report information.

United Nations

Millennium Development Goals: <https://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>

Sustainable Development Goals <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/dataportal>

United States Agency for International Development: www.usaid.gov

and the Development Experience Clearinghouse it maintains

<https://dec.usaid.gov/dec/home/Default.aspx>

CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE

United Nations COMTRADE database: <http://comtrade.un.org/>

World Bank: www.worldbank.org

World Bank World Development Indicators:

<https://databank.worldbank.org/source/world-development-indicators>

World Bank Microdata library: <http://microdata.worldbank.org/index.php/home>

World Bank World Governance Indicators

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/worldwide-governance-indicators>

World Health Organization: <http://www.who.int/en/>

World Trade Organization: <http://www.wto.org/>

Searches on Econlit, Jstor can also provide good references to articles: Go into

<http://library.syr.edu/databases/index.php?subject=41>