This mini-course covers policy issues related to education in developing contexts. We will analyze education policies and reforms, review relevant research on each topic, and examine implications of the findings to policy and practice.

**Prior knowledge:** Tools of econometric analysis will be used.

**Course readings and schedule**

**Why education?**


**Recommended:**


**Discrimination and inclusion in education**


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**Role of basic needs in educational decisions**


**Demand-side considerations:**

*Incentives, reducing the cost of schooling, improving achievement (February 4)*


**Supply-side considerations:**

**Teachers**


**Market reforms:**

**School choice (February 18)**


**Early childhood development and education (February 25)**

*Guest Speaker: Prof. Christina Weiland, University of Michigan*
http://www.newrepublic.com/article/economy/magazine/97268/the-two-year-window


*Education in emergency settings: crisis and conflict (March 4)*

*Guest Speaker: Alexandra Chen, UN Advisor, Mental Health & Psychosocial on Syria Crisis*


