

Course Syllabus
Special Summer Program 2020

Course title	Topics on Poor Economics		
Month of offering the course	July <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Way of teaching	F2F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	August <input type="checkbox"/>		Online (Zoom) <input type="checkbox"/>
Teaching schedule	Day of the Week: Tue. & Thu.	Time: 14:40-16:10	
Names of Instructor	Wong, Chun Yee		Total No. of Classes (90min) 4
Course description	<p>This course is to discuss the topics covered in the book of "Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty" by Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo. Banerjee and Duflo won the 2019 Nobel Prize in Economic for their randomized control trial (RCT) approach to alleviating global poverty. Through the analysis of large amount of data, including the hundreds of RCTs, Banerjee and Duflo show why the poor, despite having the same desires and abilities as anyone else, get trapped in poverty. The topics to be covered include nutrition, health, education and fertility. The research findings and the potential solutions for the poverty problems mentioned in the book and will be discussed. The concept of RCT, and the pros and cons of the RCT approach will also be introduced.</p>		
Texts (readily available for free should be chosen)	Papers to be discussed in the class can be accessed via IUJ library.		
Remarks (delivery methods, pre-requisite, class outline, etc.)			