

Spring 2014  
GRADUATE COURSE

**ELP525**  
**Education in a Global Economy**

*Education is critical to our future prosperity.*

In the emerging logic of global comparative and competitive advantage, education is viewed as the lynchpin for economic development. Education will be called upon to respond to current needs and for future opportunities.

This course provides an introductory survey of the links between education and economic development with examples from around the world. We start by surveying differences in educational attainment and schooling investments in various regions of the world in recent years. The course then moves to explore the factors that influence primary and secondary school enrollment and success in developing countries, the role played by higher education on economic growth, and the nature of inequities in educational outcomes on the basis of income, gender, race, and ethnicity—among other things.

Throughout the course there is a focus on key policy issues in education and economic development, such as the gender gap in schooling, child labor force participation, adult literacy programs, the role of international organizations (such as the World Bank), and the relative impact of public versus private spending on primary, secondary and tertiary education.

No previous background in economics is required; the course is theory driven, not math based. It is thus suitable for MA and PhD students interested in global issues and policy matters.

**Wednesday, 4:10 – 6:50 PM**  
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