Syllabus Fall 2024
Harvard Kennedy School of Government
Harvard University

Class in Fall 2023: Tue/Thu, 10:30-11:45am, Littauer-140
Review Sessions: Thu, 3:00-4:15pm, Rubenstein- 306, and Fri, 10:30-11:45am, Rubenstein-304

Professor Eliana La Ferrara

Office hours:
Faculty   Wednesdays, 4:30-6:30pm, or by appointment
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The class is a core requirement for students in the MPA/ID program.

Students will be assumed to have basic familiarity with empirical methods of regression analysis and impact evaluation (e.g., difference-in-differences, instrumental variables, randomized controlled trials). For those who would like to review these methods at a very basic level (more will be done in other core courses), the following readings constitute useful background:

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determine whether a change in points is mandated across any question, including the ones not highlighted/contested by the student. This process may take up to a week and the outcome will be final. Keep in mind, that the teaching team puts in a great deal of thought and effort in their assessments, and you are encouraged to be cautious/prudent in raising a re-grading issue.

Students are encouraged to work together and discuss class material and assignments. What is important is the eventual understanding of material achieved, and less about how that is achieved. Any exam, paper or assignment you submit is presumed to be your own original work, so if you do – as you will – use words or ideas written by other people, please make sure to cite these appropriately, and to indicate other students with whom you have collaborated. It is also a violation of the HKS Academic Code to incorporate into your coursework text produced predominantly by generative AI. More information about Harvard's policies on academic integrity may be fo2sfT*(pa)4 (p1 (ur(r)3 (s)-1 (e-2 (i)e)4 (4 (t)-2 (e)4 (92(d p

1	Thu	Sept 5	Stylized facts of economic development	DR/ELF
2	Tue	Sept 10	Doing development policy: The diagnostic approach	DR
3	Thu	Sept 12	Understanding productivity	DR

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