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**DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS: AGRICULTURE AND THE  
ORGANIZATION OF PRODUCTION**

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Extreme poverty is concentrated among individuals who are engaged in low productivity agriculture. This course provides a theoretical and empirical examination of the economic activities of families and individuals living and working in the highly constrained environments of poor rural communities. The course will be organized around morning lectures and discussions; afternoons will be reserved for work using World Bank LSMS-ISA data.

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