

Topics for undergraduate dissertations in Economics (UC3M, 2021–22)

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Topics in the economic development of Latin America and Africa: history and environment

1. Slave trading between Africa and Latin America: quantitative analysis of historical data (see the database slavevoyages.org)
2. Environment and commercial agriculture in a Latin American or African country: analysis of interactions between soils, climate, and agricultural production since 1950 (see database gaez.fao.org)
3. Agri-food exports: economic and environmental impacts in a case study (choose one country and one commodity, for example soy in Argentina, beef in Uruguay, cocoa in Ghana).
4. Land reform in a Latin American country: causes and consequences.
5. How unequal is Latin America? Analysis of income inequality within a Latin American country: indicators and historical evolution.
6. How unequal is Latin America? Analysis of income inequality between Latin American countries: historical evolution and causes.
7. Is Africa really that poor? Comparative living standards in the long-run.
8. Is Africa really that poor? Urbanization and economic development in an African country since 1960.