

Lecture Outline for: Basics of Discrimination

Reading: EPD Ch. 10, pp. 170-75; Reynolds Ch 8, pp. 208-211 (e-reserve); UPF Ch. 1

I. Terminology

A. 3 terms

- Prejudice – unfavorable feelings/attitudes that people have towards each other
- Discrimination – action/behavior that favors one group over another
- Racism – combination of the above two, directed towards a particular race or ethnicity

B. Legal Definitions

- Relevancy of selection (disparate impact)
- Disparate treatment

II. Overview of Differences between Neoclassical and Political Economy Models

- A. Basic Economic Agent
- B. Place of Interaction
- C. Focus
- D. Method of Analysis
- E. Cooperation vs Conflict