

## Population: Global Patterns and Trends

- I. Introduction—think about the ways in which “population” could be connected to the rising world price of food.
- II. Size
  - A. World population—how large, basic history of world population growth
  - B. “Developed” vs. “Developing” world population—which is larger and by how much, which is growing faster
- III. Growth
  - A. Two components: (1) natural increase and (2) net migration (migration will come later in the term)
  - B. Rate of natural increase for the world—what is the main trend?
  - C. Demographic Transition Model—descriptive model of changes in natural increase as a country “develops”; four stages
  - D. Fertility rate (or Total Fertility Rate)—what does it measure; worldwide pattern (where is it higher/lower); some explanations for the high rates in some places; worldwide trend
- IV. Distribution
  - A. Most populated countries/regions of the world
  - B. Fastest/slowest growing countries/regions of the world
- V. Composition
  - A. Population pyramids—what they show; main differences b/w “developed” vs. “developing” countries
  - B. Worldwide trend in aging