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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

Minutes of the Meeting

Subject: B.A. (Hons.) Economics, Sem. V (CBCS)
Course: 12 - Development Economics I
Date of Meetings: 8th May, 2017
Venue: Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics,
University of Delhi
Chair: Prof. Sunil Kanwar

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Decisions:

Topic 1 – (a) Use HDR 2016
(b) Do only Technical Note 1 from HDR 2016
(c) Drop chapter 2 from Bardhan (2010)
(d) Use Rodrik (also used in Unit 4), in lieu of chapter 2 of Bardhan

Topic 2 – No change

Topic 3 – No change

Topic 4 – No change

The final syllabus is as below:

Core Economics Course 12: DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS – I

Course Description

This is the first part of a two-part course on economic development. The course begins with a discussion of alternative conceptions of development and their justification. It then proceeds to aggregate models of growth and cross-national comparisons of the growth experience that can help evaluate these models. The axiomatic basis for inequality measurement is used to develop measures of inequality and connections between growth and inequality are explored. The course ends by linking political institutions to growth and inequality by discussing the role of the state in economic development and the informational and incentive problems that affect state governance.

Topicwise readings

Books used:

- (1) Debraj Ray, *Development Economics*, (DE), Princeton University Press, 1998.
- (2) Partha Dasgupa, *Economics: A Very Short Introduction*, (AVSI), Oxford University Press, 2007.
- (3) Abhijit Banerjee, Roland Benabou and Dilip Mookerjee (eds), *Understanding Poverty* (UP), Oxford University Press, 2006.
- (4) Angus Deaton, *The Great Escape: Health, Wealth and the Origins of Inequality*, Princeton University Press, 2013.
- (5) Elinor Ostrom, *Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action*, Cambridge University Press, 1990.

1. Conceptions of Development

- i) AVSI, pages 1-29: Characteristics of Development
- ii) DE, chapter 2: Some historical explanations for differences in development indicators.
- iii) Deaton, chapter 1.
- iv) *Human Development Report 2016* Technical Note 1 (for HDI formulae and examples), available at:
< http://hdr.undp.org/sites/default/files/2016_human_development_report.pdf>
- v) Pranab Bardhan, *Awakening Giants, Feet of Clay: Assessing the Economic Rise of China and India*, OUP, 2010, Chapters 2 and 10.

2. Growth Models and Empirics

DE, chapters 3 and 4

3. Poverty and Inequality: Definitions, Measures and Mechanisms

- i) DE, chapter 6 on inequality measurement, chapter 8 on poverty measures and correlates (8.1, 8.2, 8.3 and appendix for FGT measures)
- ii) Angus Deaton, "Measuring Poverty", chapter 1 in UP (on defining poverty lines)
- iii) Amartya Sen, "Poverty as Capability Deprivation," chapter 4 in *Development as Freedom*, OUP, 2000.
- iv) Thomas Piketty and Emmanuel Saez, "Inequality in the Long Run", *Science* 344 (838), 2014.

4. Political Institutions and the Functioning of the State

The determinants of democracy; alternative institutional trajectories and their relationship with economic performance; within-country differences in the functioning of state institutions; state ownership and regulation; government failures and corruption.

- i) Elinor Ostrom, *Governing the Commons*, chapter 1.
- ii) Thomas Dietz, Elinor Ostrom and Paul C. Stern, "The Struggle to Govern the Commons" *Science*, vol. 302, No. 5652 (Dec. 12, 2003), pp. 1907-1912.
- iii) Mancur Olson, Jr. "Big Bills Left on the Sidewalk: Why Some Nations are Rich, and Others Poor", *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, vol. 10, no. 2, pp 3-24, 1996.
- iv) Albert O. Hirschman, *Rival Views of Market Society and Other Essays*, Ch. 3: "Linkages in Economic Development"
- v) Dani Rodrik, "Fifty Years of Growth (and lack thereof): An Interpretation" (Chapter 1 of *One Economics, Many Recipes: Globalization, Institutions and Economic Growth*)
- vi) Andre Shleifer and Robert W. Vishny, "Corruption", *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 108(3), 1993, pp 599-617.