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Minutes of Meeting

Subject : B.A. (Hons.) Economics – Fifth Semester
Course : Development Theory and Experience - I
Date of Meeting : Monday 4th August, 2014 at 2.30 P.M.
Venue : Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics
University of Delhi, Delhi – 110 007
Chair : Prof. Rohini Somanathan

Attended by:

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Purpose: To review the teaching, readings and assessment for the course and bring in any recent work that is accessible to undergraduates. A decision was taken to substitute some of the older readings in favor of more recent or more relevant work. The entire reading list is given below, by

topic. New readings are in bold and there are some explanatory notes to accompany changes made.

We decided to share contact information and readings available in electronic format through a shared dropbox folder. Those not at the meeting can write to me with their email and I will add you to the folder.

The 25% internal assessment for the course will be based on 2 class tests of 10 marks each and 5 marks for attendance .

Topic-wise readings

Books used:

- 1) Debraj Ray, *Development Economics*, (DE) Princeton University Press, 1998.
- 2) Partha Dasgupta, *Economics: A Very Short Introduction*, (AVSI), Oxford University Press, 2007.
- 3) Abhijit Banerjee, Roland Benabou and Dilip Mookerjee. *Understanding Poverty* (UP), OUP, 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* (CUP 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, chapters 0 (Introduction) and 1.**
- iv) *Human Development Report*, technical report with HDI formulae and examples. We will use the appendix from the 2013 report (available in dropbox). Students should be familiar with the relationships between alternative measures of development.
- 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.**
- v) Joseph Stiglitz, *The price of inequality: how today's divided society endangers our future*, W.W. Norton, 2012, Chapter 1. "America's 1 percent problem."

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) Thomas C. Schelling, *Micromotives and Macrobehavior*, chapter 1,
- iv) Mancur Olson, Jr. "Big Bills Left on the Sidewalk: Why Some Nations are Rich, and Others Poor", *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, volume 10, number 2, pages 3-24, 1996.
- v) Albert O. Hirschman, *Rival Views of Market Society and Other Essays*, chapter 1 : "A Dissenter's Confession: The Strategy of Economic Development Revisited" and chapter 3: "Linkages in Economic Development"
- vi) Dani Rodrik, "Fifty Years of Growth (and lack thereof): An Interpretation" (Chapter 1 of *One Economics, Many Recipes: Globalization, Institutions and Economic Growth*)
- vii) Jean Jacques Laffont, "Corruption and Development", chapter 11 in UP
- viii) Andre Shleifer and Robert W. Vishny, "Corruption", *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 108(3), 1993, pp 599-617.