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
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:**

5) ElinorOstrom, 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.

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)


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.


iii) Thomas C. Schelling, Micromotives and Macrobhavior, chapter 1.


vi) Dani Rodrik, “Fifty Years of Growth (and lack thereof): An Interpretation” (Chapter 1 of One Economics, Many Recipes: Globalization, Institutions and Economic Growth
