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Minutes of Meeting

Subject : B.A. (Hons.) Economics Fifth Semester (erstwhile FYUP)
Course : 12 – Development Theory and Experience - I
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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. Two main changes to the reading list were discussed. For topic 2, the book by Philippe Aghion was proposed instead of Chapters 3 and 4 from Debraj Ray's book. Many also felt that it was desirable to introduce an alternative reading for China, to replace the chapters in the book by Pranab Bardhan (reading (v), topic 1). It was decided that teachers of the course would look at alternatives. If no input was received on these two areas before the start of the new session, the old reading list would be continued. Since no feedback has been received, the reading list remains unchanged for the 2015 semester. The previous reading list is appended below.

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 ed. *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 endanger's 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.