Readings

Each assignment is divided into two parts. The first part of the assignment is required reading for all members of the seminar. These readings are drawn mainly from the required text and provide an overall survey of the issue. The second part of the assignment involves journal articles that will be assigned to individual members of the seminar. The student will be required to provide a one to two page summary of the article to members of the seminar, and to make an oral presentation critically evaluating the article. These journal articles explore controversial issues relating to the topic, involving empirical as well as theoretical contributions.

1. Conceptual Issues

Required Reading


Assigned Readings

A. National Income Accounting and Developing Countries
   Special Issue of the Journal of Development Economics V.44 June 1994
   Srinivasan, Introduction
   Heston, A brief review of some data problems in using national accounts data in level of output comparison and growth
   Ahmad, Improving interspatial and intertemporal comparability of national accounts
   Ruggles, Issues relating to the U.N. system of national accounts and developing countries
B. Measuring Social Welfare in Developing Countries

Kakwani, Performance in living standards: an international comparison, JDE v41 1993 307-336
Nissan, Measuring relative social progress among nations, JDE v18 1993 143-161
Ram, Composite indices of physical quality of life, basic needs fulfillment and income, JDE v11 1982 227-247
Achatya and Wall, An evaluation of the United Nations development index, Journal of Economic and Social Measurement, v20 no1 p51-65
Lind, Some thoughts on the human development index, Social Indicators Research v27 no1 1991 p89-101

II Political Economy and Development

Required Reading

Bardhan, Alternative Approaches to Development Economics, Handbook of Economic Development

Assigned Readings

Cardenas, Stabilization and Redistribution of coffee revenues: a political economy model of commodity marketing boards, JDE v44 1994 p351-380
Pack, Productivity or Politics: the determinants of the Indonesian tariff structure, JDE v44 1994 p441-451
Sturzenegger, Fiscal conservatism as a response to the debt crises, JDE v45 1994 p305-324
Barkley and McMillan, Political freedom and the response to economic incentives and labor migration in Africa 1972-1987, JDE v45 1994 p393-406
Basu, Civil institutions and evolution: concepts, critique, and models, JDE v46 1995 p19-33

III Theoretical Approaches to Development

Required Readings


Assigned Readings

Farhang and Nissan, Comparative analysis of dualistic growth, JED v16 no2 Dec 1991 p61-75
De Gregoria, Economic growth in Latin America, JDE v 39 no1 July 1992 p59-85
Taylor, Gap Models, JDE v 45 1994 p17-34

Income Distribution and Poverty

Required Reading

Adelman and Robinson, Income distribution and development, Handbook of Economic Development

Assigned Readings

A. Income Inequality

Tsuklouw, Aspects of inequality in Greece: Measurement, Decomposition and intertemporal change, JDE v40 no1 Feb 1993 p53-75
Deghan, Income distribution overurbanization and economic development: evidence from a cross national study, JED v20 no1 June 1995 p15-37
Chow and Riju, Gini coefficient, Lorenze Curves and Lorenze Dominance Effect: An application to Korean income distribution data, JED v19 no2 Dec 1994 p 47-67
Rati, Economic development and income inequality: further evidence on the U curve hypothesis, World Development v16 no11 1988 p1371-1376
Persson and Tabellini, Is inequality harmful for growth, American Economic Review v84 no3 1994 p600-621
Clarke, More evidence on income distribution and growth, JDE v47 no2 Aug 1995 p403-429

B. Poverty

Gauraw and Ravallion, Growth and redistribution components of change in poverty measures: A decomposition with application to Brazil and India in the 1980s, JDE v 38, 1992 p275-295
Fields, Data for measuring poverty and inequality changes in the developing countries, JDE v44 no1 June 1994 p87-103
Gleuve, targeting assistance to the poor: Efficient allocation of transfers when household income is not observed, JDE v 38 1992 p297-323
Grootaert, Structural change and poverty in Africa. decomposition analysis for Cote d Ivoire, JDE v47 no2 Aug 1995 p375-403
V. Population and Migration

Required Reading


Assigned Readings

4. Demographic Change

Chanse, Population data bases in development economics, JDE v44 no1 June 1994 p131-226
Donaldson, Fertility patterns of the transition onset: Insights of the living standard model, JED v 16 no2 dec 1991

8. Labor Markets

Richards, The Egyptian labor market revisited, JDE v 43 no2 April 1994 p239-263
Skoufias, Labor market opportunities and intrafamily time allocations in rural households in South Asia, JDE v40 no2 April 1993 p277-311
Shariff et al, Forward falling labor supply implications for wage rigidity unemployment and plan failure, JED v20 no1 June 1995 p91-113

6. Migration and Urbanization

Gupta, Foreign capital, income inequality, and welfare in a Harris Todaro model, JDE v45 1994 p407-414
Vyerben and Zeager, Comparing earnings profiles in urban areas of an LDC: rural to urban migrants versus native workers, JDE v45 1994 p177-199
VI Human Capital

Required Reading


Assigned Reading

A. Education

Nehru et al., A new data base on human capital stock in developing and industrial countries, sources, methodology, and results, JDE v46 1995 p379-401
Behrman and Rosenzweig, Caveat emptor: cross country data on education and labor force, JDE v44 no1 June 1994 p147-173
Cox and Jimong, The relative effectiveness of private and public schools: evidence from two developing countries, JDE v34 1991 p99-121

B. Health

Thomas and Straus, prices infrastructure household characteristics and child height, JDE v39 no2 Oct 1992 p301-333
Bours and Haddad, Are estimates of the calorie income elasticities too high? A recalibration of the plausible range
Cebu study team, A child health production function estimated from longitudinal data, JDE 38 no2 apr. 1992 p323-353
Barrera, The interactive effects of mothers schooling and unsupplemented breast feeding on child health, JDE v34 1991 p81-98
Barrera, The role of maternal schooling and its interaction with public health programs in child health production, JDE v32 1990 p69-91
Thomas et al, Child survival, height for age and household characteristics in Brazil, JDE v33 1990 p197-234

VII Savings, Financial Intermediation and Capital Formation

Required Readings

Clive Bell, "Credit Markets and Interlinked Transactions," Handbook of Economic Development 1989

Assigned Readings

A. Savings

Hahn, Do Koreans save optimally, JDE v47 n02 Aug 1995 p429-443
Corbo, et al. Public policies and savings in developing countries, JDE v36 no1 1991 p89-115
A. Giovanni, The Interest Elasticity of Savings in Developing Countries, WD July 1983.
Molha, Interest Rates Savings and Investment in Developing Countries: A Reexamination of the McKinnon Shaw Hypothesis, IMF Staff Papers Mar 1986.
Wijnbergen, Interest Rate Management in the LDCs JME Sept 1983.
Wijnbergen, Macroeconomic Effects of Changes in Bank Interest Rates Simulation Results for South Korea, JDE Aug 1985.

8 Financial Intermediation
Ma and Smith, Credit market imperfections and economic development, theory and evidence, JDE v 48 no2 p351-389
Besley and Coate, Group lending, repayment incentives and social collateral, JDE v46 1995 p1-18
Jaen Yong Shinen, Financial factors in business fixed investment in Korea, JED, v 20 no 1 June 1995 p141 -153
Roubini and Martin, Financial repression and economic growth, JDE v 39 no 1 July 1992, p5-31
Moriset, Does financial liberalization really improve private investment in developing countries, JDE v40 no1 Feb 1993 133-151
Basant, Formal and informal financial markets and the neo structuralist critique of the Financial liberalization strategy in less developed countries, JDE v38 1992 p63-77
Shresthon, Institutional credit as a catalyst for agricultural sector growth, evidence from Nepal. JED v17 no2 Dec 1992 p137-145
Miller, Inflation, uncertainty, and the disappearance of financial markets: the Mexican example, JED v17 no1 June 1992 p131-153
Shafit, Modeling private investment in Egypt, JDE v39, no2, Oct 1992 p263-279

VII Structural Change

Required Readings

Moshe Syrquin, Patterns of Structural Change, Ch. 7 in Handbook of Economic Development 1989.
Pack, Industrialization and Trade, Ch. 9, Handbook of Economic Development.
Assigned readings

A. Agriculture and Rural Development
   Rozell and Boisvent, Control in a dynamic village economy the reforms and unbalanced
development in China's rural economy, JDE v46 1995 p233-252
   Barhan et al., Agroexport production and peasant land access: Examining the dynamic
   between adaptation and accumulation, JDE v46 1995 p85-107
   Benjamin, Can unobserved land quality explain the inverse productivity relationship, JDE v46
   1995, p51-84
   Sahu, A two season agricultural household model of output and price uncertainty, JDE v45
   1994 p245-269
   Sadoulet, et. al. Efficient share tenancy contracts under risk: the case of two rice growing
   villages in Thailand, JDE v45 1994 p225-243
   Bours, The effect of income on the demand for food in poor countries. Are our food
   consumption databases giving us reliable estimates, JDE v44 no1 June 94 p199-227
   Evenson and Prag, Measuring food production with reference to South Asia, JDE v44 no1
   June 94 p133-199
   Huang and Rozell, Technological change: rediscovering the engine of productivity change in
   China's rural economy, JDE v49 1996 p337-369
   Skoufias, Risk and seasonality in an empirical model of the farm household, JED v19 no2
   Dec 94, p93-117
   Ranios and Stewart, Rural nonagricultural activities in development theory and application,
   JDE v40 no1 Feb 1993 p75-103
   Gymlal-Brempong, Rationality of the peasant farmer: response to changing policies, JED v18
   no1 June 1993 p187-209
   Grieve and Zeager, Agricultural price policy in a less developed economy with endogenous
   urban wages, JED v18 no1 June 1993 p127-143
   Sugiyanto and Yanagida, Supply response and price setting under Indonesian rice
   intensification program, JED v18 no1 June 1993

B. Industry
   Mcpherson, Growth of micro and small enterprises in southern Africa, JDE v48 no2 p253-279
   Nugent, What explains the trend reversal in the size distribution of Korean manufacturing
   establishments, JDE v48 no2 p225-252
   Pilat, Comparative productivity of Korean manufacturing 1967-1987, JDE v46 1995 p123-144
   Fafchamps et al, Local demand investment multipliers and industrialization: theory and
   application to the Guatemalan highlands, JED v49 1996 p61-92
   Bonelli, Growth and Productivity in Brazilian industry, JDE v39 1992 p85-109
   Lim, Industrial policy trade and productivity gains: South Korean evidence, JED v18 no1 June
   1993 p53-81
   Raut, Spillover and productivity growth, evidence from Indian private firms, JDE v48 no1 Oct
   1995 p1-25

C. Services
Rask and Rask, The central role of services in economic development, Externalities growth and public policy, JED v19 no2 Dec 94 p139-159