

ECON 204: Global Poverty and Economic Development

Spring 2023 Reading List

1. What Is Poverty?

Roser, Max. 2021. "Extreme poverty: how far have we come, how far do we still have to go?" On VoxDev, <https://ourworldindata.org/extreme-poverty-in-brief>.

Optional: Roser, Max. 2022. "The history of the end of poverty has just begun." On VoxDev, <https://ourworldindata.org/history-of-poverty-has-just-begun>.

Banerjee, Abhijit, and Esther Duflo. 2007. "The Economic Lives of the Poor." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 21(1): 141-167.

2. Geography

Spolaore, Enrico, and Romain Wacziarg. 2013. "How Deep Are the Roots of Economic Development?" *Journal of Economic Literature*, 51(2): 325-369. *We are only reading sections 1 and 2, through Section 2.3 ("Reversal of Fortune and the Role of Institutions")*.

3. The Long-Run Impacts of the African Slave Trades

Nunn, Nathan. 2010. "Shackled to the Past: The Causes and Consequences of Africa's Slave Trades." In *Natural Experiments of History*.

Nunn, Nathan, and Leonard Wantchekon. 2011. "The Slave Trade and the Origins of Mistrust in Africa." *American Economic Review*, 101 (7): 3221-3252.

4. The Long-Run Impacts of Colonialism

Nunn, Nathan. 2009. "The Importance of History for Economic Development." *Annual Review of Economics*, 1: 65-92.

Banerjee, Abhijit, and Lakshmi Iyer. 2010. "Colonial Land Tenure, Electoral Competition, and Public Goods in India." In *Natural Experiments of History*.

Optional: Feyrer, James, and Bruce Sacerdote. 2009. "Colonialism and Modern Income: Islands as Natural Experiments." *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

5. The Big Push

Krugman, Paul. 1995. "The Fall and Rise of Development Economics." In *Development, Geography, and Economic Theory*.

Optional: Sen, Amartya. 1983. "Development: Which Way Now?" *Economic Journal*, 93: 745-762.

6. Post-Independence Leaders

Miguel, Edward. 2004. "Tribe or Nation? Nation Building and Public Goods in Kenya versus Tanzania." *World Politics*, 56: 327-362.

Optional: Burgess, Robin, Remi Jedwab, Edward Miguel, Ameet Morjaria, and Gerard Padro i Miguel. 2015. "The Value of Democracy: Evidence from Road Building in Kenya." *American Economic Review*, 105(6): 1817-1851.

7. Import Substitution and Export Promotion

Bruton, Henry. 1998. "A Reconsideration of Import Substitution." *Journal of Economic Literature*, XXXVI: 903-936.

Optional: Irwin, Douglas. 2020. "The Rise and Fall of Import Substitution." Peterson Institute for International Economics Working Paper 20-10.

Lane, Nathaniel. 2017. "Manufacturing revolutions: The role of industrial policy in South Korea's industrialization." On VoxDev, <https://voxddev.org/topic/firms-trade/manufacturing-revolutions-role-industrial-policy-south-korea-s-industrialisation>.

Atkin, David, Amit Khandelwal, and Adam Osman. 2017. "Exporting and Firm Performance: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 132(2): 551-615.

8. Investments in Agricultural and Structural Transformation

Asher, Sam, Alison Campion, Douglas Gollin, and Paul Novosad. 2022. “The long-run development impacts of agricultural productivity gains: Evidence from irrigation canals in India.” On VoxDev, <https://voxdev.org/topic/agriculture/long-run-development-impacts-agricultural-productivity-gains-evidence-irrigation-canals-india>.

Moscano, Jacob. 2018. “The impact of the Green Revolution on structural change.” On VoxDev, <https://voxdev.org/topic/agriculture/impact-green-revolution-structural-change>.

Duflo, Ester, and Rohini Pande. 2007. “Dams.” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 122(2): 601-646.

9. Structural Adjustment and the Washington Consensus

Archibong, Belinda, Brahim Coulibaly, and Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala. 2021. “Washington Consensus Reforms and lessons for Economic Performance in Sub-Saharan Africa.” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 35(3): 133-156.

Optional: Chari, Anusha, Peter Blair Henry, and Hector Reyes. 2021. “The Baker Hypothesis: Stabilization, Structural Reforms, and Economic Growth.” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 35(3): 83-108.

10. Firm Performance

Bloom, Nicholas, Benn Eifert, Aprajit Mahajan, David McKenzie, and John Roberts. 2013. “Does Management Matter? Evidence from India.” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 128(1): 1-51.

Optional: Hsieh, Chang-Tai, and Benjamin A. Olken. 2014. “The Missing Missing Middle.” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 28(3): 89-108.

Optional: Hallward-Driemeier, Mary, and Lant Pritchett. 2015. “How Business Is Done in the Developing World: Deas versus Rules.” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 29(3): 121-140.

Atkin, David, Azam Chaudry, Shamyala Chaudry, Amit K. Khandelwal, and Eric Verhoogen. 2017. “Organizational Barriers to Technology Adoption.” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 132(3): 1101-1164.

11. Youth Unemployment

Bandiera, Oriana, Ahmed Elsayed, Andrea Smurra, and Céline Zipfel. 2022. “Young Adults and Labor Markets in Africa.” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 36(1): 81-100.

Brudevold-Newman, Andrew, Maddalena Honorati, Gerald Ipapa, Pamela Jakiela, and Owen Ozier. 2023. “A Firm of One’s Own: Experimental Evidence on Credit Constraints and Occupational Choice.” Unpublished working paper.

12. Microfinance

Jaychandran, Seema. 2021. “Microentrepreneurship in Developing Countries.” In *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population* (K. F. Zimmerman, ed.).

J-PAL and IPA Policy Bulletin. 2015. “Where Credit is Due.” Cambridge, MA: Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab and Innovations for Poverty Action.

Field, Erica, Rohini Pande, John Papp, and Y. Jeanette Park. 2012. “Repayment Flexibility Can Reduce Financial Stress: A Randomized Control Trial with Microfinance Clients in India.” *PLOS ONE*, 7(9): e45679.

Optional: Banerjee, Abhijit, Esther Duflo, Rachel Glennerster, and Cynthia Kinnan. 2015. “The Miracle of Microfinance? Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation.” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 7(1): 22-53.

13. Agricultural Productivity

Suri, Tavneet, and Christopher Udry. 2022. “Agricultural Technology in Africa.” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 36(1): 33-56.

Delavallade, Clara, and Susan Godlonton. 2020. “Locking Crops to Unlock Investments: Experimental Evidence on Warrantage in Burkina Faso.” World Bank Policy Research Working Paper no. 9248.

14. Village Economies and Poverty Traps

Kraay, Aart, and David McKenzie. 2014. "Do Poverty Traps Exist? Assessing the Evidence." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 28(3): 127-148.

J-PAL and IPA Policy Bulletin. 2015. "Building Stable Livelihoods for the Ultra-Poor." Cambridge, MA: Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab and Innovations for Poverty Action.

Banerjee, Abhijit, et al. 2015. "A multifaceted program causes lasting progress for the very poor: Evidence from six countries." *Science*, 348(6236): 1260799.

15. The Demand for Sustainability: A Case Study of Clean Cookstoves

Duflo, Ester, Michael Greenstone, and Rema Hanna. 2008. "Cooking Stoves, Indoor Air Pollution and Respiratory Health in Rural Orissa." *Economic and Political Weekly*, August 9, 2008.

Mobarak, Ahmed Mushfiq, et al. 2012. "Low demand for nontraditional cookstove technologies." *PNAS*, 109(27): 10815-10820.

Berkouwer, Susanna B., and Joshua T. Dean. 2022. "Credit, Attention, and Externalities in the Adoption of Energy Efficient Technologies by Low-Income Households." *American Economic Review*, 112(10): 3291-3330.