

MSc Development Management **Preliminary reading list**

BACKGROUND READINGS

There is no general textbook for the course, which brings together insights from a range of disciplines dealing with problems of management and institutional reform. The weekly reading lists identify a small number of key texts which everyone should read, and provide a range of further readings for those particularly interested in the topic. The following is a list of general readings that cover key issues addressed in the course. There are, however, a few texts from which the course draws heavily, which students should buy. It is recommended that students begin reading Faguet (2012) and Brett (2009) and any one other of these books before the start of the academic year.

REQUIRED PURCHASES

Acemoglu, D. and J. Robinson. 2012. *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity and Poverty*. New York: Crown.

Brett, E.A. 2009. *Reconstructing Development Theory*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Diamond, J. 1997. *Guns Germs and Steel*. London: Vintage. See also the 3-part documentary based on the book here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyRa5P6xVo8>

Faguet, J.P. 2012. *Decentralization and Popular Democracy: Governance from Below in Bolivia*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. (Students with easy access to North American mail delivery can get a 60% discount directly from the publisher. See the PDF flier here containing the offer:
<http://personal.lse.ac.uk/faguetj/documents/decentralization-and-popular-democracy/decentralization-popular-democracy-discount-flier.pdf>)

North, D.C., J.J. Wallis and B.R. Weingast. 2009. *Violence and Social Orders*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Rodrik, D. (Ed.). 2003. *In Search of Prosperity: Analytical Narratives on Economic Growth*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

THE FOLLOWING ARE ALSO STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

Boix, C. 2015. *Political Order and Inequality: Their Foundations and their Consequences for Human Welfare*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

- Collier, P. 2007. *The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can Be Done About It*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Easterly, W. 2014. *The tyranny of experts: Economists, dictators, and the forgotten rights of the poor*. Basic Books.
- Fukuyama, F. 2012. *The Origins of Political Order: From Prehuman Times to the French Revolution*. London: Profile Books.
- Kohli, A. 2004. *State-directed development: political power and industrialization in the global periphery*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- Olson, M. & S. Kahkonen. 2000. *A Not-so-Dismal Science: A Broader View of Economies and Societies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Putnam, R.D. 1993. *Making Democracy Work: Civic Traditions in Modern Italy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Rodrik, D. 2011. *The Globalization Paradox: Democracy and the Future of the World Economy*. W. W. Norton & Company.
- Tilly, C. 2007. *Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Other Good Background Readings

- Acemoglu, D. and J. Robinson. 2006. *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Banerjee, A. and E. Duflo. 2011. *Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty*. Public Affairs.
- Chang, H.J. 2003. *Rethinking development economics*. London: Anthem Press.
- Clague, C. 1997. *Institutions and economic development*, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.
- Easterly, W. 2001. *The elusive quest for growth: Economists' adventures and misadventures in the tropics*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- Kirkpatrick, C. et. al. 2002. *Handbook on development policy and management*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
- Kohli, A. 2004. *State-directed development: political power and industrialization in the global periphery*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press;
- Linz, J. & A. Stepan. 1996. *Problems of democratic transition and consolidation*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

North, D. 1990. *Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Sen. A., 1999 *Development as Freedom*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

World Bank. 2004. *World Development Report 2004: Making services work for poor people*. Washington, DC: World Bank
<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/5986>

World Bank. 2017. *World Development Report 2017: Governance and the Law*. Washington, DC: World Bank <http://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2017>