

## **MSc Development Management**

### **Preliminary reading list**

#### **2025-2026 Academic Year**

#### **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.

**EXCELLENT SUMMER READS (which we do not expect you to read before you come to London! This list simply includes some of the material we will read this year in class)**

Acemoglu, Daron and James Robinson. 2019. *The Narrow Corridor: States, Societies, and the Fate of Liberty*. London: Penguin.

Allawi, Ali A. 2024. *Rich World, Poor World: The Struggle to Escape Poverty*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

Auerbach, Adam. 2020. *Demanding Development: The Politics of Public Goods Provision in India's Urban Slums*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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

Collier, Paul. 2007. *The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can Be Done About It*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Faguet, Jean-Paul. 2012. *Decentralization and Popular Democracy: Governance from Below in Bolivia*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. [60% discount available for those with easy access to US mail at: [Governance from Below](#)]

Fairfield, Tasha. 2015. *Private Wealth and Public Revenue in Latin America: Business Power and Tax Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

- Fisman, Raymond, and Miriam A. Golden. 2017. *Corruption: What everyone needs to know*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Fukuyama, Francis. 2014. *Political order and political decay: From the industrial revolution to the globalization of democracy*. London: Macmillan.
- Galor, Oded. 2022. *The Journey of Humanity: The Origins of Wealth and Inequality*. London: The Bodley Head.
- Green, Elliott 2022. *Industrialization and Assimilation: Explaining Ethnic Change in the Modern World*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Handley, Antoinette. 2019. *Business and Social Crisis in Africa*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Heinrich, Joseph. 2020. *The Weirdest People in the World: How the West Became Psychologically Peculiar and Particularly Prosperous*. London: Penguin.
- Kohli, Atul. 2004. *State-directed development: political power and industrialization in the global periphery*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- North, Douglass. C. 1990. *Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- North, Douglass. C., John J. Wallis and Barry R. Weingast. 2009. *Violence and Social Orders: A Conceptual Framework for Interpreting Recorded Human History*. Cambridge: University Press.
- Ostrom, Elinor. 1990. *Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Pritchett, Lant, Kunal Sen and Eric Werker, eds. 2017. *Deals and Development: The Political Dynamics of Growth Episodes*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Rodrik, Dani (ed.). 2003. *In Search of Prosperity: Analytical Narratives on Economic Growth*. Princeton: Princeton University Press
- Rodrik, Dani. 2011. *The Globalization Paradox. Democracy and the Future of the World Economy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Tang, Shiping. 2022. *The Institutional Foundations of Economic Development*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Wade, Robert. 1990. *Governing the Market: Economic Theory and the Role of Government in East Asian Industrialization*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press