



ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

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INTENDED AUDIENCE : UG and PG students of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sciences and Engineering

COURSE OUTLINE :

This course engages the student with the much debated theories of growth versus development. The decades following liberalization and globalization have been a period of very high levels of economic inequality. With the focus on issues surrounding inequality, this course will introduce students to the major ideas and theories surrounding the often used and misused concepts of economic growth and economic development. With the help of major concepts used in growth and development economics, a student taking this course will be able to participate in the debate and understand the nuances surrounding the issue of economic development.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :

Prof. Rajshree Bedamatta is Associate Professor of Economics at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India. Her university training is in the discipline of Economics with specialization in Development Economics. She teaches and researches in the broad domains on Development Economics and Public Economics at IIT Guwahati. Her research is on agrarian markets with focus in the domains of food and nutrition, health and education.

COURSE PLAN :

Week 1: Concepts of economic growth & development; the Global North & Global South Divide

Week 2: Indices of economic development and contemporary controversies

Week 3: Strategies of economic development-I

Week 4: Strategies of economic development-II

Week 5: Growth and Inequality

Week 6: Introduction to Human Development

Week 7: Human Development Indices

Week 8: MDGs, SDGs & gender budgeting