

# GROWTH, DISTRIBUTION, AND INNOVATION

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## SYLLABUS AND READING LIST

### (1) Estimating poverty and inequality using GDP, surveys and... satellite data!

- Pinkovskiy, Maxim, Xavier Sala-i-Martin, (2014), "[Lights, Cameras,... Income!: Estimating poverty using National Accounts, Survey Means, and Lights](#)", NBER Working Paper, January 2014.
- Sala-i-Martin, X. "[The World Distribution of Income: Falling Poverty and... Convergence, Period!](#)", *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Vol. CXXI, No. 2 (May), pp. 351-97

### (2) Does development aid work? Cross country evidence, Millennium Villages, Random Field Experimentation.

- Banerjee, Abhijit and Esther Duflo, (2011), "[Poor Economics: Barefoot Hedge-fund Managers, DIY Doctors and the Surprising Truth about Life on less than \\$1 a Day](#)", Penguin Books
- Easterly, William (2002), "[The Elusive Quest for Growth: Economists' Adventures and Misadventures in the Tropics](#)", MIT Press
- Easterly, William, (2014), "[The Tyranny of Experts: Economists, Dictators, and the Forgotten Rights of the Poor](#)", Basic Books.
- Munk, Nina (2013), "[The Idealist: Jeffrey Sachs and the Quest to End Poverty](#)", Doubleday

### (3) The Economics of Ideas

- The History of Ideas (ppt presentation)
- Growth Theories of R&D
  - Romer, Paul (1990), "[Endogenous Technological Change](#)", *Journal of Political Economy*, October 1990
- Innovation:
  - Dyer, Jeff, Hal Gregersen, and Clayton M. Christensen Christensen, Clayton M (2011), "[The Innovator's DNA: Mastering the Five Skills of Disruptive Innovators](#)" Harvard Business Review Press.
  - Naam, Ramez, (2013), "The infinite resource the power of ideas on a finite planet " UPNE.
- Education and Creativity
  - Robinson, Ken: "[Finding Your Element: How To Discover Your Talents and Passions and Transform Your Life](#)" (with Lou Aronica). Viking. 2013

### (4) Africa: The next miracle?

- Pinkovskiy, Maksim and Xavier Sala-i-Martin, 2014, "[Africa is on Time](#)", *Journal of Economic Growth* (Forthcoming)
- Young, Alwyn, "[The African Growth Miracle](#)," *Journal of Political Economy*, 120 (August 2012): 696-739.