Comparative Development: Differences and Commonalities among Developing Countries

Shapter 2



Economic Development



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Defining the Developing World

- The UN's System
- World Bank's System
 - Classification by levels of GNI per capita (Table 2.1)
- The UNDP's Human Development Index
 - Classification by levels of human development (Table 2.9)
- The OECD's system

TABLE 2.1Classification of Economies by Region and Income, 2003

East Asia and the Pacifi	с	Latin America and the C	aribbean	South Asia	
American Samoa	UMC	Antigua and Barbuda	UMC	Afghanistan	LIC
Cambodia	LIC	Argentina	UMC	Bangladesh	LIC
China	LMC	Belize	UMC	Bhutan	LIC
Fiji	LMC	Bolivia	LMC	India	LIC
Indonesia	LMC	Brazil	LMC	Maldives	LMC
Kiribati	LMC	Chile	UMC	Nepal	LIC
Korea, Dem. Rep.	LIC	Colombia	LMC	Pakistan	LIC
Laos	LIC	Costa Rica	UMC	Sri Lanka	LMC
Malaysia	UMC	Cuba	LMC		
Marshall Islands	LMC	Dominica	UMC	Sub-Saharan Africa	
Micronesia	LMC	Dominican Republic	LMC	Angola	LIC
Mongolia	LIC	Ecuador	LMC	Benin	LIC
Myanmar	LIC	El Salvador	LMC	Botswana	UMC
Palau	UMC	Grenada	UMC	Burkina Faso	LIC
Papua New Guinea	LMC	Guatemala	LMC	Burundi	LIC
Philippines	LMC	Guyana	LMC	Cameroon	LIC
Samoa	LMC	Haiti	LIC	Cape Verde	LMC
Solomon Islands	LIC	Honduras	LMC	Central African Republic	LIC
Thailand	LMC	Jamaica	LMC	Chad	LIC
Tonga	LMC	Mexico	UMC	Comoros	LIC
Vanuatu	LMC	Nicaragua	LIC	Congo, Dem. Rep.	LIC
Vietnam	LIC	Panama	UMC	Congo, Rep.	LIC
		Paraguay	LMC	Côte d'Ivoire	LIC

TABLE 2.1 (continued)

Europe and Central Asia	
Albania	LMC
Armenia	LMC
Azerbaijan	LMC
Belarus	LMC
Bosnia and Herzegovina	LMC
Bulgaria	LMC
Croatia	UMC
Czech Republic	UMC
Estonia	UMC
Georgia	LMC
Hungary	UMC
Kazakhstan	LMC
Kyrgyz Republic	LIC
Latvia	UMC
Lithuania	UMC
Macedonia	LMC
Moldova	LIC
Poland	UMC
Romania	LMC
Russian Federation	LMC
Serbia and Montenegro	LMC
Slovak Republic	UMC
Tajikistan	LIC
Turkey	LMC
Turkmenistan	LMC
Ukraine	LMC
Uzbekistan	LIC

Peru	LMC
St. Kitts and Nevis	UMC
St. Lucia	UMC
St. Vincent and the	
Grenadines	UMC
Suriname	LMC
Trinidad and Tobago	UMC
Uruguay	UMC
Venezuela	UMC

Middle East and North	Africa
Algeria	LMC
Djibouti	LMC
Egypt	LMC
Iran	LMC
Iraq	LMC
Jordan	LMC
Lebanon	UMC
Libya	UMC
Morocco	LMC
Oman	UMC
Saudi Arabia	UMC
Syria	LMC
Tunisia	LMC
West Bank and Gaza	LMC
Yemen	LIC

Equatorial Guinea	LIC
Eritrea	LIC
Ethiopia	LIC
Gabon	UMC
Gambia	LIC
Ghana	LIC
Guinea	LIC
Guinea-Bissau	LIC
Kenya	LIC
Lesotho	LIC
Liberia	LIC
Madagascar	LIC
Malawi	LIC
Mali	LIC
Mauritania	LIC
Mauritius	UMC
Mayotte	UMC
Mozambique	LIC
Namibia	LMC
Niger	LIC
Nigeria	LIC
Rwanda	LIC
São Tomé and Principe	LIC
Senegal	LIC
Seychelles	UMC
Sierra Leone	LIC
Somalia	LIC
South Africa	LMC

TABLE 2.1	(continued)		
Sudan	LIC	Korea, Rep.	Cyprus
Swaziland	LMC	Luxembourg	Faeroe Islands
Tanzania	LIC	Netherlands	French Polynesia
Тодо	LIC	New Zealand	Greenland
Uganda	LIC	Norway	Guam
Zambia	LIC	Portugal	Hong Kong (China)
Zimbabwe	LIC	Spain	Israel
		Sweden	Kuwait
High-Income Ol	ECD Countries	Switzerland	Liechtenstein
Australia		United Kingdom	Macao (China)
Austria		United States	Malta
Belgium			Monaco
Canada		Other High-Income Countries	Netherlands Antilles
Denmark		Andorra	New Caledonia
Finland		Aruba	Northern Mariana Islands
France		Bahamas	Qatar
Germany		Bahrain	San Marino
Greece		Barbados	Singapore
Iceland		Bermuda	Slovenia
Ireland		Brunei	Taiwan (China)
Italy		Cayman Islands	United Arab Emirates
Japan		Channel Islands	Virgin Islands (U.S.)

This table classifies all World Bank member economies and all other economies with populations of more than 30,000. Economies are divided among income groups according to 2003 GNI per capita, calculated using the World Bank Atlas method. The groups are low-income countries (LICs), \$765 or less; lower-middle-income countries (LMCs), \$766–\$3,035; upper-middle-income countries (UMCs), \$3,036–\$9,385; and high-income countries, \$9,386 or more.

Source: World Bank, August 2004, http://www.worldbank.org/data.

FIGURE 2.1 The Developed and Developing World, 2005



Source: World Bank, http://www.worldbank.org/data/maps/images/gni-capita.gif. Reprinted with permission.



The Structural Diversity of Developing Economies

- Size and income level (Table 2.2)
- Historical background
- Physical and human resources
- Ethnic and religious composition

- Relative importance of public and private sectors
- Industrial structure (Table 2.3)

Table 2.2

TABLE 2.2 The Ten Most and Least Populated Countries and Their Per Capita Income, 2002					
Most Populous	Population (millions)	GNI Per Capita (U.S. \$)	Least Populous	Population (thousands)	GNI Per Capita (U.S. \$)
1. China	1,280	960	1. St. Kitts and Nevis	47	6,540
2. India	1,049	470	2. Antigua and Barbuda	76	9,720
3. United States	288	35,400	3. Dominica	71	3,000
4. Indonesia	212	710	4. Seychelles	82	6,780
5. Brazil	174	2,830	5. Kiribati	95	960
6. Pakistan	145	420	6.Tonga	101	1,440
7. Russian Federation	144	2,130	7. Grenada	104	3,530
8. Bangladesh	136	380	8. St. Vincent and the Grenadines	109	2,820
9. Nigeria	133	300	9. Micronesia	122	1,970
10. Japan	127	34,010	10. São Tomé and Principe	154	300

Source: World Bank, August 2004, http://www.worldbank.org/data.

	Percentage o	of Labor Force ^a	Percentag	ge of GDP	
Country	Agriculture	Industry Agricultur		re Industry	
Africa					
Congo, Dem. Rep	75	12	64	13	
Kenya	81	7	29	16	
Nigeria	54	5	43	25	
Tanzania	90	5	48	21	
Uganda	86	4	46	16	
Asia					
Bangladesh	64	14	30	18	
India	65	13	28	29	
Indonesia	55	10	16	43	
Philippines	46	16	21	32	
South Korea	21	27	6	43	
Sri Lanka	46	13	22	25	
Latin America					
Brazil	31	27	14	36	
Colombia	30	24	16	20	
Guatemala	60	12	24	20	
Mexico	28	19	5	26	
Peru	37	19	7	37	
Venezuela	16	28	4	47	
All developing countries	60	17	20	38	
United States	2	25	2	29	
United Kingdom	1	24	2	37	

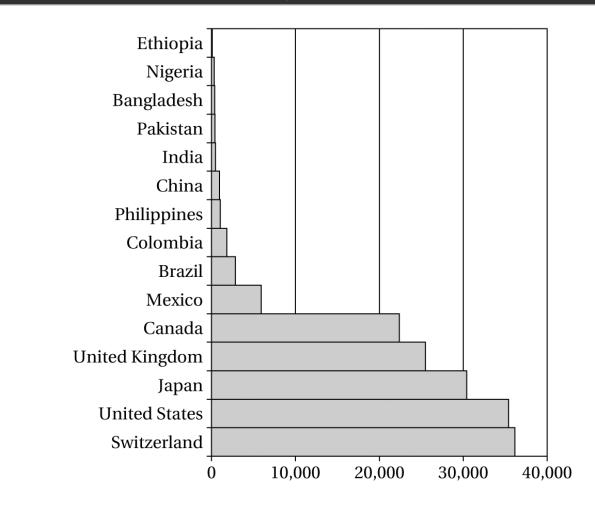
TABLE 2.3Industrial Structure in Seventeen Developing Countries, United States, and the UnitedKingdom, 1996

Sources: United Nations Development Program, *Human Development Report, 1996* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1996), tab. 31; Central Intelligence Agency, *The World Factbook, 1994* (Washington, D.C.: Central Intelligence Agency, 1994); and World Bank, *1998 World Development Indicators* (Washington, D.C.: World Bank, 1998), tabs. 2.5 and 4.2.

^aData are for 1994.

- Low levels of living
 - Per capita national income (Figure 2.2)

FIGURE 2.2 Per Capita Gross National Income in Selected Countries, 2002 (in U.S. \$ at official exchange rates)



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TABLE 2.4A Comparison of Per Capita GNI in Selected Developing Countries, plus the United
Kingdom and United States, Using Official Exchange-Rate and Purchasing Power Parity
Conversions, 2002

	GNI Pe	er Capita (U.S. \$)	
Country	Exchange Rate	Purchasing Power Parity	
Argentina	4,220	10,190	
Bangladesh	380	1,770	
Brazil	2,830	7,450	
Burundi	100	630	
Cameroon	550	1,910	
Chile	4,250	9,420	
China	960	4,520	
Costa Rica	4,070	8,560	
Ghana	270	2,080	
Guatemala	1,760	4,030	
India	470	2,650	
Indonesia	710	3,070	
Kenya	360	1,010	
Malawi	160	570	
Malaysia	3,540	8,500	
Mexico	5,920	8,800	
Nicaragua	710	2,350	
Sierra Leone	140	500	
South Korea	9,930	16,960	
Sri Lanka	850	3,510	
Thailand	2,000	6,890	
Uganda	240	1,360	
United Kingdom	25,510	26,580	
United States	35,400	36,110	
Venezuela	4,080	5,220	
Zambia	340	800	

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- Low levels of living
 - Per capita national income
 - Relative growth rates of national and per capita income (Table 2.5)

Growth, 1980–1990		
Country	1980–1990	1990–2000
Africa		
Kenya	0.3	-o.3
Nigeria	-3.0	-o.4
Tanzania	-0.7	0.3
Uganda	0.8	4.1
Congo, Dem. Rep.	1.5	-8.3
Asia		
Bangladesh	1.0	3.2
India	3.2	4.2
Indonesia	4.1	2.5
Philippines	—1.5	1.0
South Korea	8.9	4.7
Sri Lanka	2.4	4.0
Latin America		
Brazil	0.6	1.5
Colombia	1.1	1.1
Guatemala	-2.1	1.5
Mexico	-0.9	1.5
Peru	-2.0	3.0
Venezuela	-2.0	-0.5

Growth Rates of Real Gross National Income Per Capita: Percentage Average Annual

TABLE 2.5

Sources: World Bank, *World Bank Atlas, 1991* (Washington, D.C.: World Bank, 1991), pp 6–9; World Bank, *World Bank Atlas, 1996* (Washington, D.C.: World Bank, 1996), pp. 18–19; World Bank, *World Development Report, 2002* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002), pp. 234–237.

- Low levels of living
 - Per capita national income
 - Relative growth rates of national and per capita income
 - Distribution of national income (Table 2.6)

Table 2.6

TABLE 2.6Global Income Disparity between the Richest and Poorest 20 % of the World'sPopulation, 1960–2000

	Ratio of Income Shares			
Year	Richest to Poorest			
1960	30 to 1			
1970	32 to 1			
1980	45 to 1			
1991	61 to 1			
2000	70 to 1			

Sources: United Nations Development Program, *Human Development Report, 1992, 1994, 2001* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992, 1994, 2001). Reprinted with permission.

- Low levels of living
 - Per capita national income
 - Relative growth rates of national and per capita income
 - Distribution of national income
 - Extent of poverty (Table 2.7)

TABLE 2.7 Income Poverty by Region, Selected Years, 1987–1998

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	Population Covered by at Least		People Liviı	ng on Less thar (millions)	1 \$1 a Day	
Region	One Survey (%)	1987	1996	1998		
East Asia and Pacific	90.8	417.5	452.4	431.9	265.1	278.3
Excluding China	71.1	114.1	92.0	83.5	55.1	65.1
Europe and Central Asia	81.7	1.1	7.1	18.3	23.8	24.0
Latin America and the Caribbean	88.0	63.7	73.8	70.8	76.0	78.2
Middle East and North Africa	52.5	9.3	5.7	5.0	5.0	5.5
South Asia	97.9	474.4	495.1	505.1	531.7	522.0
Sub-Saharan Africa	72.9	217.2	242.3	273.3	289.0	290.9
Total	88.1	1,183.2	1,276.4	1,304.3	1,190.6	1,198.9
Excluding China	84.2	879.8	915.9	955.9	980.5	985.7

Share of Population Living on Less than \$1 a Day

	(%)					
Region	1987	1990	1993	1996	1998	
East Asia and Pacific	26.6	27.6	25.2	14.9	15.3	
Excluding China	23.9	18.5	15.9	10.0	11.3	
Europe and Central Asia	0.2	1.6	4.0	5.1	5.1	
Latin America and the Caribbean	15.3	16.8	15.3	15.6	15.6	
Middle East and North Africa	4.3	2.4	1.9	1.8	1.9	
South Asia	44.9	44.0	42.4	42.3	40.0	
Sub-Saharan Africa	46.6	47.7	49.7	48.5	46.3	
Total	28.3	29.0	28.1	24.5	24.0	
Excluding China	28.5	28.1	27.7	27.0	26.2	

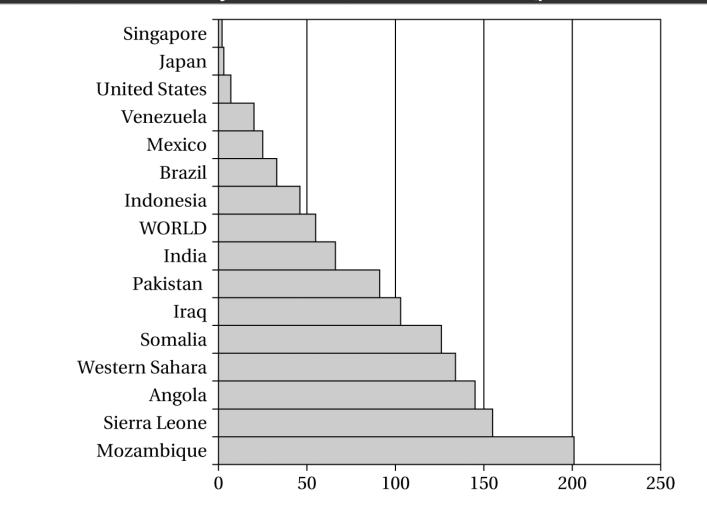
Source: World Bank *World Development Report 2000/2001, Attacking Poverty* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000), tab. 1.1. Reprinted with permission.

Note: The poverty line is \$1.08 a day at 1993 PPP. Poverty estimates are based on income or consumption data from the countries in each region for which at least one survey was available during 1985–1998. Where survey years do not coincide with the years in the table, the estimates were adjusted using the closest available survey and applying the consumption growth rate from national accounts. Using the assumption that the sample of countries covered by surveys is representative of the region as a whole, the number of poor people was then estimated by region. This assumption is obviously less robust in the regions with the lowest survey coverage.

Low levels of living

- Per capita national income
- Relative growth rates of national and per capita income
- Distribution of national income
- Extent of poverty
- Health (Figure 2.3 and Table 2.8)

FIGURE 2.3 Under-5 Mortality Rates in Selected Countries, 2002 (per 1,000 live births)



Source: Data from World Population Datasheet, 2003, Population Reference Bureau, http://www.prb.org.

Table 2.8

TABLE 2.8 Human Health and Education Deprivation in the Developing World

Nature of Health Deprivation	Number of People Deprived		
Lack of access to health services	766 million (1995)		
Lack of access to safe water	968 million (1998)		
Lack of access to sanitation	2.4 billion (1998)		
Children dying before age 5 from preventable causes	11 million (1998)		
Underweight children under age 5	163 million (1998)		
People living with HIV/AIDS	34 million (2000)		
Illiterate adults	854 million (2000)		
Children not in school	325 million (2000)		

Source: United Nations Development Program, *Human Development Report, 2001* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), p. 9. Reprinted with permission.

Low levels of living

- Per capita national income
- Relative growth rates of national and per capita income
- Distribution of national income
- Extent of poverty
- Health

- Education
- The Human
 Development Index

Country	Relative Ranking (lowest to highest)	Human Development Index (HDI)	Real 2002 GDP Per Capital (PPP\$)	GDP Rank minus HDI Rank ^a
Low human development				
Sierra Leone	177	0.273	520	-1
Ethiopia	170	0.359	780	-1
Angola	166	0.381	2,130	-38
Malawi	165	0.388	580	+9
Tanzania	162	0.407	580	+12
Guinea	160	0.425	2,100	-30
Medium human development				
Bangladesh	138	0.509	1,700	+1
India	127	0.595	2,670	-10
South Africa	119	0.666	10,070	-66
Nicaragua	118	0.667	2,470	+1
China	94	0.745	4,580	+5
Turkey	88	0.751	6,390	-12
Peru	85	0.752	5,010	+7
Thailand	76	0.768	7,010	-9
Oman	74	0.770	13,340	-32
Malaysia	59	0.793	9,120	-2
High human development				
Costa Rica	45	0.834	8,840	+14
Kuwait	44	0.838	16,240	-6
United Kingdom	12	0.936	26,150	+8
United States	8	0.939	35,750	-4
Canada	4	0.943	29,480	+5
Norway	1	0.956	36,600	+1

TABLE 2.9 Human Development Index for Twenty-Two Selected Countries, 2002

Source: United Nations Development Program, *Human Development Report, 2004* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2004), annex tab. 1. Reprinted with permission.

^aA positive figure indicates that the HDI rank is better than the real GDP per capita (PPP\$) rank; a negative indicates the opposite.

Table 2.10

TABLE 2.10 Human Development Index Variations for Similar Incomes, 2002						
Country	GDP Per Capita (U.S. \$ PPP)	HDI	HDI Rank	Life Expectancy (years)	Adult Literacy (%)	
GDP per capita around PPP \$1,000						
Tajikistan	980	0.671	116	68.6	99.5	
Kenya	1,020	0.488	148	45.2	84.3	
Central African Republic	1,170	0.361	169	39.8	48.6	
Burkina Faso	1,100	0.302	175	45.8	12.8	
GDP per capita around PPP \$2,000						
Vietnam	2,300	0.691	112	69.0	90.3	
Pakistan	1,940	0.497	142	60.8	41.5	
Guinea	2,100	0.425	160	48.9	41.0	
Angola	2,130	0.381	166	40.1	42.0	
GDP per capita around PPP \$3,500						
Jamaica	3,980	0.764	79	75.6	87.6	
Sri Lanka	3,570	0.740	96	72.5	92.1	
Indonesia	3,230	0.692	111	66.6	87.9	
Morocco	3,810	0.620	125	68.5	50.7	

Source: United Nations Development Program, *Human Development Report, 2002* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002, 139–142. Reprinted with permission.

- Low levels of living
- Low levels of productivity
- High rates of population growth and dependency burdens (Table 2.11)

Table 2.11

TABLE 2.11	Crude Birthrates throughout the World, 2002
Crude Birthrate ^a	Countries
50	Niger, Mali, Somalia, Afghanistan, Angola
45	Malawi, Liberia, Chad, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Congo (Dem. Rep.), Uganda, Burkina Faso, Gambia
40	Burundi, Guinea, Senegal, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Mozambique, Zambia, Benin, Nigeria, Yemen
35	Central African Republic, Laos, Pakistan, Gabon, Swaziland, Namibia, Kenya, Togo, Sudan
30	Honduras, Paraguay, Bolivia, Botswana, Jordan, Haiti, Nepal, Iraq, Bangladesh, Syria, Paraguay, Zimbabwe
25	Egypt, India, Cameroon, Libya, Cambodia, Myanmar, Philippines, El Salvador, South Africa, Venezuela
20	Algeria, Costa Rica, Mexico, Vietnam, Peru, Turkey, Colombia, Lebanon, Malyasia, Kuwait, Indonesia, Panama, Sri Lanka, Argentina, Jamaica, Brazil, Iran
15	United States, Australia, Ireland, South Korea, China, Thailand, Chile
10	Canada, Cuba, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Japan, Russia, Singapore

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^aYearly number of live births per 1,000 population.

- Low levels of living
- Low levels of productivity
- High rates of population growth and dependency burdens
- Substantial dependence on agricultural production and primary exports (Table 2.12 and Figure 2.4)

Table 2.12

TABLE 2.12Population, Labor Force, and Production in Developed and Less Developed Regions, 2002–2003					
Region	Population (millions)	Urban (%)	Rural (%)	Labor Force in Agriculture (%)	Agricultural Share of GDP (%)
World	6,314	47	53	49	5
Developed countries	1,202	75	25	5	3
Europe	727	73	27	7	3
North America	323	79	21	3	2
Japan	127	78	22	7	2
Less developed countries	5,112	40	60	58	14
Africa	861	33	67	68	20
South Asia	1,480	30	70	64	30
East Asia	1,918	40	60	70	18
Latin America	540	75	25	25	10

Sources: Population Reference Bureau, 2003 *World Population Data Sheet* (Washington, D.C.: Population Reference Bureau, 2003); *World Bank, World Development indicators, 2004* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2004), tabs. 4 and 12, Agriculture labor force figures are based on 1997 World Bank estimates.

Figure 2.4



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- Low levels of living
- Low levels of productivity
- High rates of population growth and dependency burdens
- Substantial dependence on agricultural production and primary-product exports
- Prevalence of imperfect markets
- Dependence and vulnerability

How Developing Countries Today Differ from Developed Countries in Their Earlier Stages

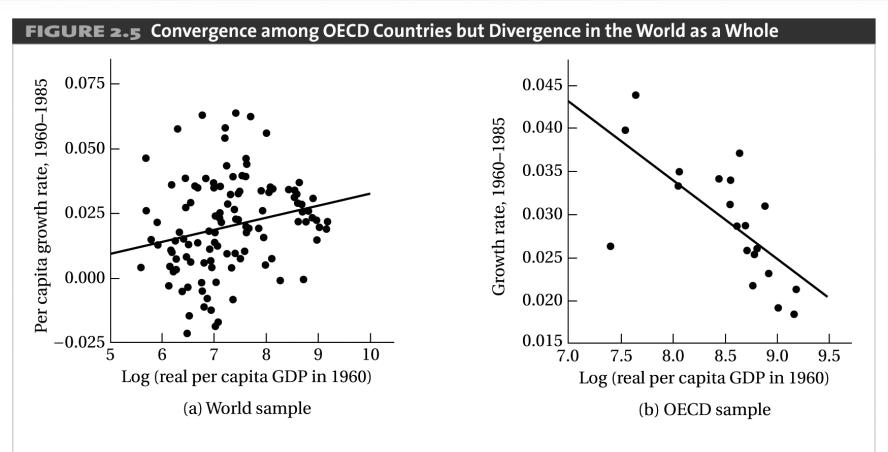
- Physical and human resource endowments
- Per Capita incomes and levels of GDP in relation to the rest of the world
- Climate
- Population size, distributions and growth
- Historical role of international migration

- International trade benefits
- Basic R&D capabilities
- Stability and flexibility of political-social institutions
- Efficacy of domestic economic institutions

Convergence?

- Evidence of unconditional convergence is hard to find (Figure 2.5)
 - There is some (controversial) evidence of conditional convergence

Figure 2.5



Source: Robert Barro and Xavier Sala-i-Martin, *Economic Growth* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1995), p. 27. Reprinted with permission.

Concepts for Review

- Absolute poverty
- Brain drain
- Crude birthrate
- Convergence
- Death rate
- Dependency burden
- Developed world
- Foreign exchange
- Gross domestic product (GDP)

- Gross national product (GNP)
- Human Development Index (HDI)
- Imperfect markets
- Income gap
- Income inequality
- Incomplete information

Concepts for Review (cont'd)

- Infant mortality rate
- International poverty line
- Labor productivity
- Least developed countries (LLDCs)
- Levels of living
- Low income countries (LICs)

- Malnutrition
- Middle-income countries (MICs)
- Mixed economic systems
- Newly industrialized countries (NICs)
- Physical resources

Concepts for Review (cont'd)

- Primary industrial sector
- Production function
- Purchasing power equivalent
- Purchasing power parity (PPP)

- Resource endowment
- Secondary industrial sector
- Tertiary industrial sector
- World Bank

Figure A2.1

FIGURE A2.1 Effect of Increases in Physical and Human Resources on the Production Possibility Frontier

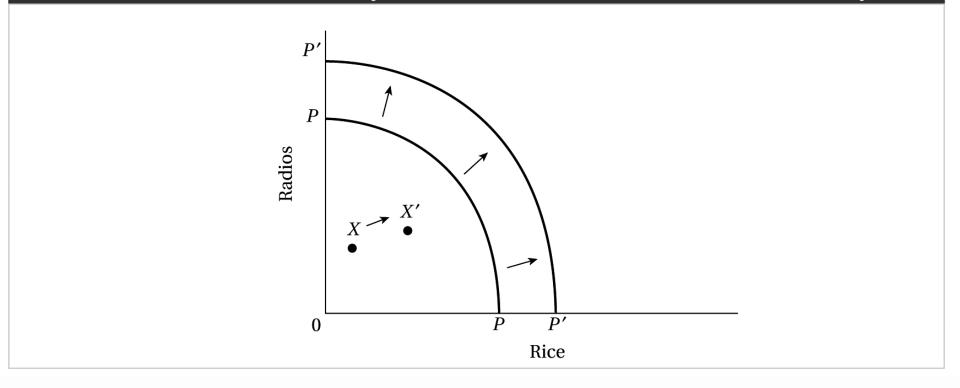
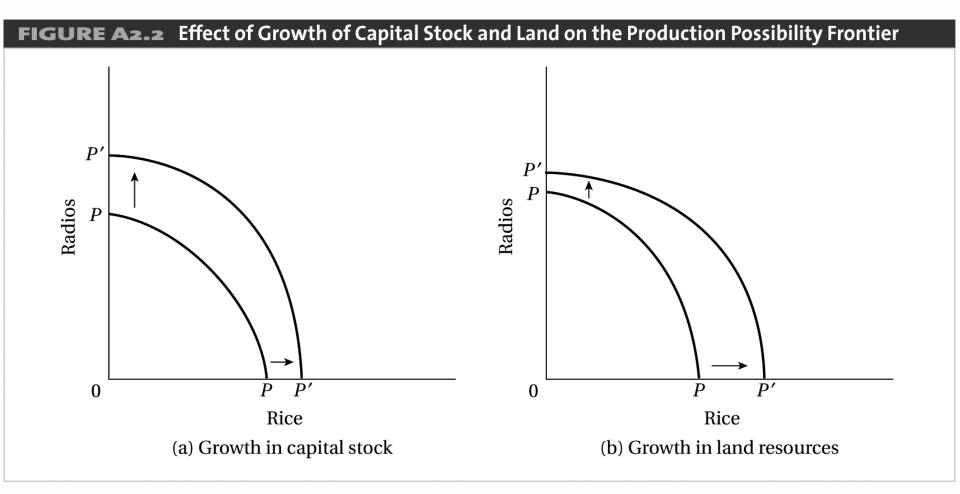


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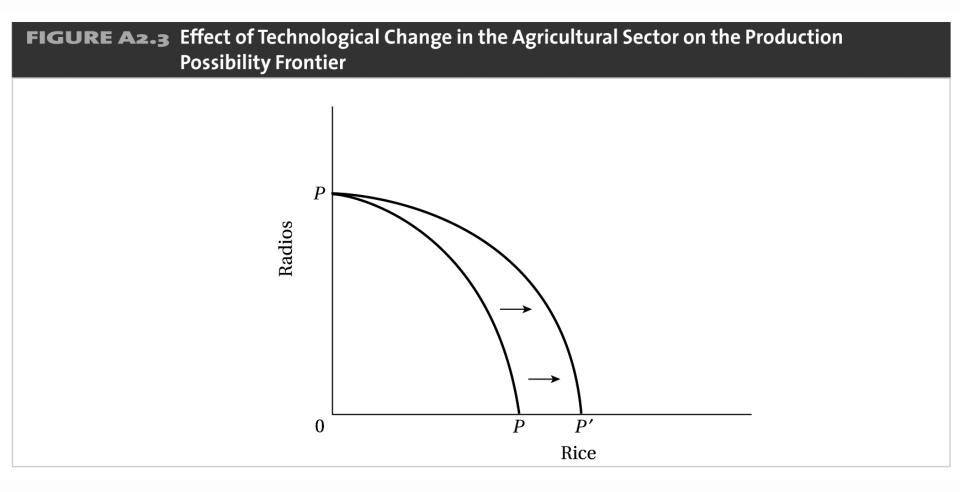


Figure A2.4

FIGURE A2.4 Effect of Technological Change in the Industrial Sector on the Production Possibility Frontier

