

TOPICS IN POLITICAL ECONOMICS, INSTITUTIONS AND CULTURE

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Lecture 1 : Political economics, institutions and culture. Introduction.

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Sen, A. (1970) *Collective Choice and Social Welfare* North Holland, Amsterdam.

Geneakoplos, J. (2005), “Three Brief Proofs of Arrow’s Impossibility Theorem”, *Economic Theory*, 211-215.

Gibbard, A. (1973) “Manipulation of Voting Schemes”, *Econometrica* 41: 587-601.

Satterthwaite, M.A. (1975) “Strategy-proofness and Arrow’s Conditions: Existence and Correspondence Theorems for Voting Procedures and Social Welfare Functions”, *Journal of Economic Theory* 10: 187-217.

Roland, G. (2013) *Development economics*. Pearson, Chapter 7.

Lecture 2. Political Regimes under democracy.

Persson-Tabellini (2000): chapter 10

Persson, T. , G. Roland and G. Tabellini (2000) “Comparative Politics and Public Finance” *Journal of Political Economy*, vol. 108 (6), pp. 1121-1161.

Lectures 3: Democratization.

Acemoglu and Robinson, *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*, CUP 2006,

Chapters 6 and 7.

Students are recommended to read other chapters of the book.

Lecture 4: Political Economy of Autocracy

Egorov and Sonin (2011) “Dictators and their Viziers: Endogenizing the Loyalty-Competence Trade-Off.

Li, Weijia (2016) “ Meritocracy, Decentralization and Party-State Relationship: Theory and Evidence from China.

Lecture 5-6: The Role of Culture in economic development.

Readings:

- Avner Greif, 1994. "Cultural Beliefs and the Organization of Society: A Historical and Theoretical Reflection on Collectivist and Individualist Societies," *Journal of Political Economy*, vol. 102(5), pages 912-50, 1994.
- A. Bisin and T. Verdier “The Economics of Cultural Transmission and the Dynamics of Preferences” *Journal of Economic Theory* 97(2) 2001 , pp. 298-319.
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- G. Tabellini (2008) “Institutions and Culture” Presidential lecture *Journal of the European Economic Association* 2008 6(2-3), pp. 255-294.
- Gorodnichenko, Y. and G. Roland (2012). “Understanding the Individualism-Collectivism Cleavage and its effects”, in *Institutions and Comparative Economic Development* (edited by M. Aoki, T. Kuran and G. Roland) Palgrave MacMillan, 2012.