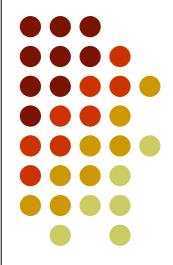
Inequality and Development

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What is development?

Economic interdependence Reduced poverty Agrarian society Slavery Efficient health care system Capitalism Famine **Economic affluence** Autocracy Material comfort Crime **Rural electrification** Feudalism Literacy **Uncontrolled forest logging**

Globalization Malnutrition **Gender equality Urbanization** Hydro power plant **Cultural diversity Economic growth** Democracy Traditional culture Modern technology Slums Just society Industrialization **Competent education system Freedom of speech**





Meanings of development

Development as an ideal	Development as an intervention	Development as a process of social change
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Meanings of development



- Development as an ideal
- Development as an intended consequence of human intervention (agency)
- Development as an immanent process of social change

Structure of the lecture



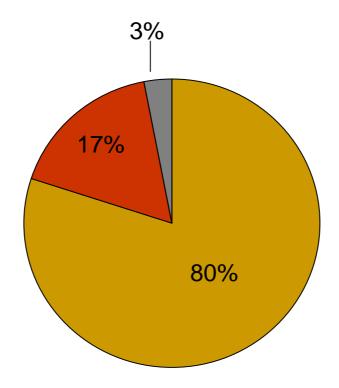
- Discussion on unequal world
- Implications of inequality for development
- Gender inequality and development

Unequal World

- Physical inequality
- Inequality in economic resources
- Inequality in technological know-how
- Inequality in human resources



World Gross National Income, 2003 (billion US\$)

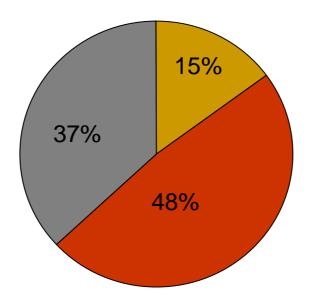


High income countries 27,732
Middle income countries 5,732
Low income countries 1,038





World Population 2003 (millions)



High income countries 971.4
Middle income countries 2,990.1
Low income countries 2,310.3



Mechanism of social change

- Social structure
- Human agency

Amartya Sen and the idea of development



- Substantive meaning of freedom
- Instrumental meaning of freedom

Instrumental meaning of freedom



- Political freedom
- Economic facilities
- Social opportunities
- Transparency guarantees
- Protective security

Gender equality and development

- Women wellbeing
- Enhancement of women agency
- Practical interest of women
- Strategic interest of women
- Women in development (WID)
- Gender and development (GAD)



Gender related development index (GDI), 2003

	Finland	Bangladesh
Life expectancy at birth (female)	81.7	63.7
Life expectancy at birth (male)	75.1	62.1
Adult literacy rate (female)	99	31.4
Adult literacy rate (male)	99	50.3
Estimated earned income, female (PPP USD)	23,211	1,245
Estimated earned income, male (PPP USD)	32,250	2,289
GDI, rank	10	105

Gender empowerment measure (GEM), 2003



	Finland	Bangladesh
Seats in parliament held by women (% of the total)	37.5	2.0
Female legislators, senior officials and managers (% of the total)	28	8
Female professional and technical workers (% of the total)	53	25
Ratio of estimated female to male earned income	0.72	0.54
Gender empowerment measure (GEM), rank	5	79

Further readings



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