



## Synopsis

Development Economics: theory and Practice provides students and practitioners with the perspectives and the tools they need to think analytically and critically about the current major economic development issues in the world. Alain de Janvry and Elisabeth Sadoulet identify seven key dimensions of development; growth, poverty, vulnerability, inequality, basic needs, sustainability, and quality of life, and use them to structure the contents of the text. This book gives a historical perspective on the evolution of thought in development. It uses theory and empirical analysis to present readers with a full picture of how development works, how its successes and failures can be assessed, and how alternatives can be introduced. The authors demonstrate how diagnostics, design of programs and policies, and impact evaluation can be used to seek new solutions to the suffering and violence caused by development failures. This text is fully engaged with the most cutting edge research in the field, and equips readers with analytical tools for the impact evaluation of development programs and policies, illustrated with numerous examples. It is underpinned throughout by a wealth of student-friendly features including case studies, quantitative problem sets, end-of-chapter questions, and extensive references. This unique text aims at helping readers learn about development, think analytically about achievements and alternative options, and be prepared to compete on the development job market.

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## Customer Reviews

De Janvry and Sadoulet's *Development Economics: Theory and Practice*, is the best text I've used in nearly 20 years of teaching an undergraduate development economics course. It is remarkably current, drawing on new insights from behavioral economics, experimental economics and RCTs, as well as the traditional development economics literature. It is also very customizable. The more technical material is often treated in stand-alone sections, and this has allowed me to choose appropriate readings for my intermediate-level undergraduate economics and development studies students, but I could also imagine incorporating the technical sections in a masters-level applied development policy course. I also like the book's focus on analytical tools and development diagnostics, given the field's increasing demand for rigorous impact evaluation. Finally, the quantitative exercises using data from developing countries are excellent learning tools and are very much appreciated by my students, even those who initially approached quantitative work with a great deal of trepidation. In their course evaluations and in focus-group discussions, my students consistently rate these exercises and the use of "real data" as one of the strongest aspects of the course. The only shortcoming I see in this first edition is that the quantitative exercises are only available in Excel and STATA. I'm hoping future editions will include R code. Matt Warning, professor and chair Department of Economics University of Puget Sound

Right on time. I didn't think it will come that early though. That's like a week after order. Paper quality of book was superb. Thanks.

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