

Block Seminar - Masters or Bachelors
**Education, Health and Economic Growth: A comparative
perspective on India and its neighbors**
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Overview and Objectives

The course intends to introduce students and provide a brief overview of recent trends in economic development in India. The recent trends in income, poverty, health and education will be analyzed in a comparative perspective with some of its neighbors - *Bangladesh, China and Vietnam*. The role of economic growth in poverty reduction will also be explored in a comparative perspective.

The focus is on two specific capabilities - education and child nutrition. We will introductory explore different institutional approaches to provision of health and education in South and South-East Asia. This will be followed by looking at the recent evolution of child nutrition in India with an aim to shed light on the recent debate regarding child nutrition and stunting in India by drawing on the most recent empirical evidence.

Course Evaluation

The evaluation will be based on a short term paper (about 10-15 pages), in which a theoretical or empirical research question has to be presented and analyzed.

Course Outline

- Overview of Indias growth and transformation since the liberalization in the 1990s.
- India in a comparative perspective with its South and South-East Asian neighbors.
- Institutional approaches to provision of public services of health and education - a comparative perspective.
- Recent trends in child nutrition in India - facts, myths and recent debates.

Suggested readings¹

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