This list is intended to serve as a guide for students preparing for the major field preliminary examinations in development economics. It contains a mixture of ‘classics’ and contemporary writings, loosely arranged by sub-fields within the rather amorphous sub-discipline called development economics. The list contains contributions made both to development economics as a field, and also to general economic theory where the latter have provided important leads for progress in the economics of development.

1. **The concept of development and development economics**


2. **Economic growth, agricultural development, and structural change**


3. Trade, industrialization and development policy


Shocks, stabilization, and structural adjustment


6. Poverty and income distribution

7. Household and intra-household resource allocation

8. Factor markets, contracts, and class structure


9. Technology, natural resources and the environment


