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to measure the achievements in the space of feasible functionings the so called capability set in this paper i seek to present sen s theoretical conception of development as freedom and to provide both the background for tracing the process of origin as well as some exemplary applications to give an idea of the impact of his vision on economic problems i will focus on the theoretical structure of his conception and will not go into details regarding empirical and historical data that can easily be found in standard literature on development economics the theoretical background to sen s approach however is not that intensively discussed and so my aim is to contribute to the understanding of the theoretical structure of his idea in the beginning i will give a brief overview of development as a general conception in economics therefore i will go into areas goals and a sample of measurement in this thought provoking book jean pierre chauffour argues that freedom in all its economic civil and political dimensions is the only internally consistent and mutually supportive way of thinking about development and human rights the book examines the extent to which amartya sen s conception of development as freedom can be a guide for development policy it argues that the theoretical foundations of the conception need to be expanded and that it needs to give more attention to collective and historical dimensions if it is to address poverty effectively views of leading economists on india s relationship with globalization under what conditions can new technologies enhance the well being of poor communities the study designs an alternative evaluation framework aef that applies amartya sen s capability approach to the study of information and communications technologies icts in order to place people s well being rather than technology at the center of the study the aef develops an impact chain that examines the mechanisms by which access to and meaningful use of icts can enhance people s informational capabilities and improve people s human and social capabilities this approach thus uses people s individual and collective capabilities rather than measures of access or use as its principal evaluative space based on empirical evidence from indigenous communities use of new technologies in rural bolivia the study concludes that enhancing poor people s informational capabilities is the most critical factor determining the impact of icts on their well being improved informational capabilities like literacy do enhance the human capabilities of poor and marginalized peoples to make strategic life choices and achieve the lifestyle they value evaluating the impact of icts in terms of capabilities thus reveals no direct relationship between improved access to and use of icts and enhanced well being icts lead to improvements in people s lives only when informational capabilities are transformed into expanded human and social capabilities in the economic political social 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per cent of national income on foreign aid has been widely welcomed by some but strongly criticised by others furthermore the controversy of the iraq war rumbles on even today this is all happening amongst much instability in many parts of the world in this short book a number of authors challenge the assumption that we can bring about economic development and promote liberal democracies through direct foreign intervention whether economic or military intervention the lead author william easterly drawing on his wide experience at the world bank and as an academic is a renowned sceptic of intervention he points out that solutions proposed now to the problem of poverty are identical to solutions proposed decades ago but the plans of rich governments simply do not successfully transform poor countries academics abigail hall blanco and christian bjornskov add further context and put forward empirical evidence that backs up easterly s argument syvlie aboa bradwell draws upon her own practical experience to give examples of how people in poor countries can be assisted to promote their own development this book is essential reading for students teachers and all interested in better understanding how to help and how not to help the world s most disadvantaged peoples monograph of selected writings and statements on the political doctrine and development policies of socialism in tanzania includes illustrations how has human development evolved during the last 150 years of globalization and economic growth how has human development been distributed across countries how do developing countries compare to developed countries do social systems matter for wellbeing are there differences in the performance of developing regions over time employing a capabilities approach human development and the path to freedom addresses these key questions in the context of modern economic growth and globalization from c 1870 to the present leandro prados de la escosura shows that health access to knowledge standards of living and civil and political freedom can substitute for gdp per head as more accurate measures of our wellbeing 1979 50 50 1998 the last two decades have seen the remarkable rise to dominance of human centred understandings of the world indeed it is now rare to read any analysis of insecurity conflict or development which does not discuss the need to empower or capacity build local individuals or communities in this path breaking book chandler presents a radical challenge to such approaches arguing that the solutions to the world s problems are now not perceived to lie within external structures of economic political and social relations but instead with individuals and groups who are often seen to be the most marginal and powerless this fundamental change has gone hand in hand with the shift from state based to society based understandings of the world chandler provocatively argues that human centred approaches have limited rather than expanded the transformative possibilities available to us and if real change is to be achieved both at a local and a global level then a radical re think in western thought is required this work deals with two issues the emancipation of the third world from the debt system and the reappropriation of development by civil society through financial self reliance what is a developing country how does one know whether a country is actually developing or not this book looks at this issue from several perspectives using a series of reports by various organisations it shows how countries rank in their levels of development according to different criteria countries ranking high according to one measure may rank lower according to another it was once commonly believed that raising a country s average per capita income level would lead to improvements in most other areas time and experience have shown however that social conditions and general well being of people may not necessarily improve when a country s average income level increases countries with high levels of per capita income may rank lower in their social and structural development by contrast some poor countries rank with the advanced countries in their governance and levels of individual and economic freedom this book examines four criteria which are often used today to rank and assess countries levels of development they are per capita income economic and social structure social conditions and the prevailing level of economic and political freedom specific indices or quantitative studies are explained and applied to each criteria and differences among the various measures are explained

1998 among several contesting views about the purpose of development and how progress should be evaluated human rights and capabilities or human development stand out as two approaches that are concerned first and foremost with the well being of individuals their freedom dignity and empowerment these two approaches contrast sharply with the dominant development frameworks that emphasize economic growth as the essential objective though human rights and capabilities share these common commitment to human priorities they are distinct concepts and fields that have developed separately the aim of this volume is to explore the relationship between them in order to enhance the understanding of both as theoretical paradigms as public policy frameworks and as approaches to development the book includes contributions from some of the leading scholars in the two fields of capabilities approach and human rights it covers the essential aspects of this relationship addressing the complementarities between human rights and capabilities as theoretical concepts how the concept of capabilities can contribute to resolving some key theoretical issues in human rights how the social science analysis and methods of the capabilities approach can clarify human rights concepts and strengthen human rights advocacy and how human rights norms can strengthen public policy and mobilize collective action to demand greater accountability in placing human priorities first in public policy human rights and the capabilities approach raises many questions for further inter disciplinary conversation and further research this book was originally published as a special issue of the journal of human development and capabilities and has been expanded with two additional articles from this journal and a new foreword by professor amartya sen the capability approach has developed significantly since amartya sen was awarded the nobel prize in economics in 1998 it is now recognised as being highly beneficial in the analysis of poverty and inequality but also in the redefinition of policies aimed at improving the well being of individuals the approach has been applied within numerous sectors from health and education to sustainable development but beyond the obvious interest that it represents for the classical economics tradition it has also encountered certain limitations while acknowledging the undeniable progress that the approach has made in renewing the thinking on the development and well being of a population this book takes a critical stance it focuses particularly on the approach s inadequacy vis à vis the continental phenomenological tradition and draws conclusions about the economic analysis of development in a more specific sense it highlights the fact that the approach is too bound by standard economic logic which has prevented it from taking account of a key person dimension namely the ability of an individual to assume responsibility as a result this book advocates the notion that if the approach is used carelessly in relation to development policies it can cause a number of pernicious effects some of which may lead to disastrous consequences due to its multidisciplinary nature this book will be of interest to those working in the fields of economics philosophy development studies and sociology

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