

Session #5: Infrastructure and development

Key Questions:

- Conceptually, what is the mechanism through which infrastructure investment contributes to economic development or poverty reduction? How do the two articles explain the mechanisms differently? (i.e. what effects does investment in rural infrastructure have? What about investment in urban infrastructure?)
- In reality, why is it hard to measure the contribution of infrastructure to development?

Whom does the infrastructure serve? How do different financial and institutional arrangements change the benefits and costs of infrastructure? Compare the following pairs:

Tolls v.s. no tolls

Private sector v.s. public sector

Taxes v.s. tolls

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