Week 15 Chapter 12 Development

This is the last installment. The text and lecture return to a common conceptual ground for the end of the course.

- 1. The text begins Chapter 12 with a series of causes that together, but not singularly, cause a lack of development; "...a combination of interwoven limiting factors thwart development." Can you list and describe some of these factors?
- 2. Another list can be made for the section "How Economic Development is Measured."
- 3. Define the "Epidemiological Transition" and the "Human Development Index."
- 4. What does Myrdal mean by *circular and cumulative causation*? How about "backwash and spread effects"?
- 5. According to your book, what are the primary reasons for the failure of Soviet style communism?
- 6. How can the developed countries help the less developed countries?
- 7. Chapter 12 is, in my opinion, rather fragmented but it does tend to link reasonably well with the lecture topics. Both deal with development, although the perspectives on development are a bit different. Could you describe the difference in approach between text and lecture as related to development?
- 8. What topics would you like to add to Chapter 12 and why? For example, I would argue for a section on "basic needs." Could you support that? How? What else would you add?