

Session 4: Infrastructure investment and economic growth

- Discussion Questions -

Key questions:

- What is the relationship between infrastructure investment and economic growth? Do the authors of the readings for this session have different or similar opinions on this issue? What data and methods do they use respectively? Does that affect their conclusions?
- What factors distort efficient allocation of resources (in this case, resources for infrastructure construction and maintenance) in developed countries? developing countries? Which are similar factors to both types of countries?
- We have discussed the government failure versus market failure in the past sessions. After doing today's readings, do you have any new ideas on what type of economic activities should be regulated by the government, and what type should be left to the market?
- We discussed property rights last time. If the government fails to define and protect property rights, what effect might it have on infrastructure investment? Is it always negative?

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