

Foundations

Resources are finite but the wants are infinite, to sort it out we need **ECONOMICS**

Scarcity → rationed by price
 ↓
 limited → not everyone buys everything because of price

Choice → sacrifice want
 ↓
 people don't have infinite salaries → Need want Can

Economic problem

↓
 who, to who?
 richer/poorer

↓ what/how much
 ↓ How?
 (machines/workers)

↓
 Opportunity cost
 ↓
 not monetary terms
 next best decision

Biella
450 441

Labour
 • physical
 • mental

Capital

↓ Investment
 ↓
 human
 • education
 • health

↓ physical
 • machines
 • roads
 • resources

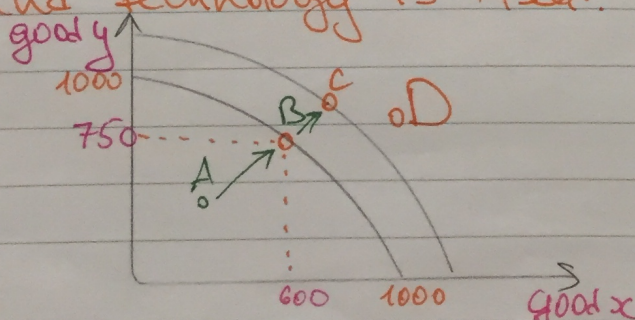
Factors of production

Land
 • land
 • resources
 • raw mats
 • fossils

Management
 • organisation
 → produces goods + services

Production Possibilities curves:

- max combination of goods that can be produced in a certain country at a certain time period.
- The curve is at the point where all resources available are in use and technology is fixed.



A → B = Actual growth
 not max

B → C = Potential growth
 (increasing pp)

D = impossible