

## International Development Projects with Case Method

### **Reading Assignment #4**

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UNDP. *Human Development Report 2001*. “Managing the risks of technological change” (Chapter 3)  
Download from <http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2001/>. Be careful that only the link to  
“Complete Report” works.

- Q1. Technological advance brings potential benefits and risks. The article mentions, “...the hidden costs of technologies can be devastating” (p.65). Give examples to explain this statement.
- Q2. What are the potential harms of technological change discussed in the article?
- Q3. Both proponents and opponents of new technologies often “ignore some aspects” when assessing the risk of technologies (p.67). Explain these aspects.
- Q4. “...views that dominate the global debate can lead to decisions that are not in the best interest of local communities” (p.68). Explain what it means and provide some examples.
- Q5. What are the challenges that developing countries face when dealing with the risks of technological change?