Introduction to the Capability Approach

Suggested basic readings on this topic:


Further readings:

ATKINSON, A.B. (2003), “Multidimensional Deprivation: Contrasting Social Welfare and Counting Approaches.” Journal of Economic Inequality. 1:1 from p 51. (This article identifies the problem of aggregating multiple attributes, and some of the methods in use to address them).
NARAYAN, D, CHAMBERS, R., SHAH, M.K. and P. PETESCH (2000), Voices of the poor: Crying out for change. New York: Oxford University Press for the World Bank. – (This influential study tries to synthesise participatory poverty assessments in order to identify the dimensions of “ill-being” and of “well-being” that emerge across contexts).
ROBEYNS, I. (2003), “Sen’s capability approach and gender Inequality: Selecting Relevant Capabilities.” Feminist Economics. 9:61-92. (This more philosophical article argues that, to select capabilities (or dimensions), we need to observe four procedural criteria.)
