

Topic: Innovation in Global Value Chains

ABSTRACT

Developing countries are faced with significant challenges in building and deepening innovation capabilities. This paper is focused on innovation in global value chains and the role such chains may play in capability building and deepening. It is focused on the possible trajectories along which firms inserted into global value chains and located in developing countries, may acquire or lose relative innovation capability over time. To do so, the paper brings together global value chains and innovation systems approaches. Our key argument is that global value chains interact with innovation systems in multiple ways, and that these interactions have important implications for the speed, depth and overall quality of capability building in developing country firms. The paper outlines five possible innovation capability trajectories and shows how capability-building at the firm-level is interrelated with different types of co-evolution of global value chains and innovation systems.

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