

Deindustrialisation – Does it matter?

Seminar

With keynote by: Professor Fiona Tregenna, Professor of Economics and South African Research Chair in Industrial Development, College of Business and Economics, University of Johannesburg

Abstract

Classical development economics, especially structuralist approaches, regard the manufacturing sector as having special properties as an engine of economic growth. From this perspective, industrialization and structural change are the key route for lower income countries to catch up with high income countries. However, the current international reality is one of widespread deindustrialization, including premature deindustrialization in countries of the Global South. Does deindustrialization matter for growth? Is it a pathological phenomenon or simply part of the natural maturation and development of economies? Is it something that policymakers should be concerned about?

In this talk, Professor Tregenna will argue that deindustrialization remains an important concern, but will emphasize the complexity and heterogeneity of deindustrialization, and suggest that a nuanced approach is needed, both analytically and for policy.

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Speaker

Professor Fiona Tregenna holds the South African Research Chair in Industrial Development, and is a Professor of Economics at the University of Johannesburg. She has a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Cambridge, a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Massachusetts, and earlier degrees from the Universities of the Witwatersrand and Natal in South Africa. Her primary research focus is on issues of structural change, deindustrialization and industrial development. Fiona has also published on poverty, inequality and unemployment. She serves of the Presidential Economic Advisory Council of South Africa, and on a number of other boards, advisory panels and councils. She is a part-time Member of the Competition Tribunal where she adjudicates competition (anti-trust) cases. Fiona is also an elected member of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), and has received various awards and major research grants. In the past she has worked for among others the National Labour and Economic Development Institute, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, several universities, and as a consultant to various research institutes and international organizations such as UNIDO, UNCTAD, the United Nations University and the ILO.

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Programme

Welcome

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Keynote

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Discussion

Wine Reception

Facilitator: Bernhard Tröster, ÖFSE

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