

Where is transnational regulation determined?

Development priorities and trade agreements beyond and within nation-states

(trade agreements, regulation, standards, development, urban-regional priorities, global governance)

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Why new approaches to trade and development research are required

- Trade is growing not from 'emerging nations' but 'emerging cities and regions'.
- Uncertain effects of trade pacts (and pacts getting larger)
- Products and processes for developmental goals may be harder to steer, and those with pernicious environmental or labour effects difficult to curtail. In whose interests are these shifts?

The argument

The opportunities and structures of bilateral trade agreements between industrialised and emerging economies have to be understood in terms of

- (a) Shared growth opportunities from trade (the traditional view)
- (b) The location of industrial growth from trade (much of which is located in cities)
- (c) The location and stakeholders of associated trade decision-making (empirically open)

Theories of trade and regulation: what we know and what we don't

- Free trade & comparative advantage
 - Development economics; protection of infant industries; special & differential treatment
- New trade agreements, broader scope & domestic regulations
 - Comprehensive and differentiated political economy; institutional theory
- What about institutional specificities beyond and within Nation-States?
 - Local / transnational turn
- What about industry specificities and the rise of services?
 - Evolutionary / regulatory turn

Sector-specific challenges

IT/IT-enabled services

- Counter-factual case: standardisation & internationalisation
- Beyond India's world office narrative
- Power issues, societal implications and mutual recognition
- e.g. data security

Health industry

- India: Supplier to the World, but problems at home
- Mediating actors and organizations
 - Generics
 - Vaccines
 - Diagnostic kits
 - Patented drugs and biologicals

'Non-canonical'

- Water filters (proprietary or not?)
- Hib vaccine ('world beating', Cuba)
- OPV (extraordinary administrative/planning)

Cities: Surat, diagnostic kits

Andother sector products with health effects, unclear repercussions:
Volkswagen



Next (first) steps

- India – EU & and India-EFTA (incl. CH) Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations
- Joint panel at European Association of Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) conference (“Theory, empirical, and policy challenges for path-dependency (or lock-in)”)
- Joint PhD workshops (Bangalore & Lausanne)