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**Special Issue Theme — Industrial Competitiveness and Social Change**

The changing global business, economic, industrial and social environment presents challenges as well as opportunities for developing countries and emerging markets. The systemic aspects of industrial competitiveness, social change and management in terms of incentives and institutional generation of knowledge flows raise further policy challenges. Strategic decisions at government level concerning the articulation of policy instruments, and co-ordination of supporting institutions with respect to economy-wide enterprise are vital to creating competitiveness, sustaining productivity growth, and cohering national systems of innovation for the benefit of social advancement. Furthermore, the social capital dimensions—public and private sectors—of industrial competitiveness and social change and the intellectual infrastructure of developing countries present opportunities for productivity enhancement and social advance.

The orientation of this Special Issue of the journal *The Developing Economies—Industrial Competitiveness and Social Change*—is social science research on issues facing developing countries and emerging markets, international business firms and international organisations in an increasingly networked world where regulatory boundaries, investment and trade actors, dynamics in innovation and technology, international production and productivity trends, as well as international relations have become extraordinarily complex in scale and more multi-directional in scope with respect to institutional arrangements. In this emergent environment, new efforts are needed to improve understanding of industrial competitiveness and social change. There is a need to link

research in development economics, trade and investment, etc., with research in international development to stimulate intellectual advance and the debate on the factors, issues and variables, and their relations, regarding the dynamic process of competitiveness and the social change that stems from economic progress through industry. There is also a need to come up with insights that reflect the role of development policy in order to reinforce policy thinking and assist in the management of the policy craft of industrial competitiveness and social change in broad relation to economic development.

#### Topics for the Special Issue

The list of topics/areas below is suggestive for the Special Issue, which welcomes submissions from scholars across a number of disciplines related to industrial competitiveness and social change.

The Special Issue welcomes research across the range of disciplines in the form of conceptual papers, theory development papers, empirical hypothesis-testing papers, econometric modelling papers and developing country case studies that advance social science research on industrial competitiveness and social change. The Special Issue will be methodologically pluralistic and have an exceptional concern for research that attends to important developmental issues that transcend academic discipline and management function boundaries. As such, the Special Issue welcomes scholarly inter-disciplinary work that challenges the paradigms, and examines the assumptions, in single disciplines.

The scope of the Special Issue includes:

- ❖ Research methodologies for, and measurement challenges of, industrial competitiveness and its impact on social change.
- ❖ Industrial competitiveness and its social change consequences arising out of economic activities at the international, national, sub-national, local and firm levels of industrial manufacturing sectors.
- ❖ The effects of infrastructure, education and productivity in industrial competitiveness and social change.
- ❖ Industrial economics and dynamics involved in investment and technology; agro-industry; private sector development; energy and the environment.
- ❖ The role of the spatial economy (international-national-local) and multinational business activities in competitiveness.
- ❖ The spatial effects of industry and manufacturing.
- ❖ The role of international business, trade and investment in industrial competitiveness and social change.
- ❖ Cross-border international business management and competitiveness policy strategies.
- ❖ Joint venture and strategic alliance interactions of international firms with their local economic environments with respect to coordination and configuration strategies of multinational enterprises.
- ❖ Policy management of industrial competitiveness and social change and risk.
- ❖ National and Cross-national research involving science and technology and systems of innovation, entrepreneurship,

knowledge-based competitiveness and new forms of organising economic activity.

- ❖ Geography, institutions and integration in industrial competitiveness and social change.
- ❖ The influence of factors (including resource nationalism, endowments, governance, state failure and failed states) on dynamics of industrial competitiveness and social change.
- ❖ Case studies of industrial competitiveness and social change.

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