Alumni research project: Social and Economic Upgrading in Global Value Chains

The unbundling of the production process provides employment opportunities for developing countries by entering global value chains without the need to develop a complex industrial structure in the first place.

However, without proper policies they face the risk of remaining suppliers of low paid labour with little value capture. Participating alumni will conduct small case studies on social and economic upgrading in their respective countries and industries. Drafts of the case studies will be presented at the next GLU alumni summer school.

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