The Politics of African Industrial Policy

Despite rapid growth in many African countries, there has been very little economic transformation, which is the key driver behind increasing incomes and raising the standard of living. Economic transformation is the cumulative outcome of successful industrial policies. African governments generally have been less successful in implementing industrial policies, historically and during the contemporary period, compared to other developing country regions. This book sets out to understand why. Drawing on theories within the comparative political economy of development literature, it creates the Politics of Industrial Policy framework for understanding the conditions under which industrial policies are successfully implemented and identifying the politics that make those conditions possible. The framework is applied to explain the design, implementation, and outcomes of industrial policies in four African countries: Ghana, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Uganda. This book explains the generally limited success with implementing industrial policies in these countries, but also variations in success across the four countries and across sectors within the same country.

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