

# Misthinking Globalisation

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# Conventional view of globalisation

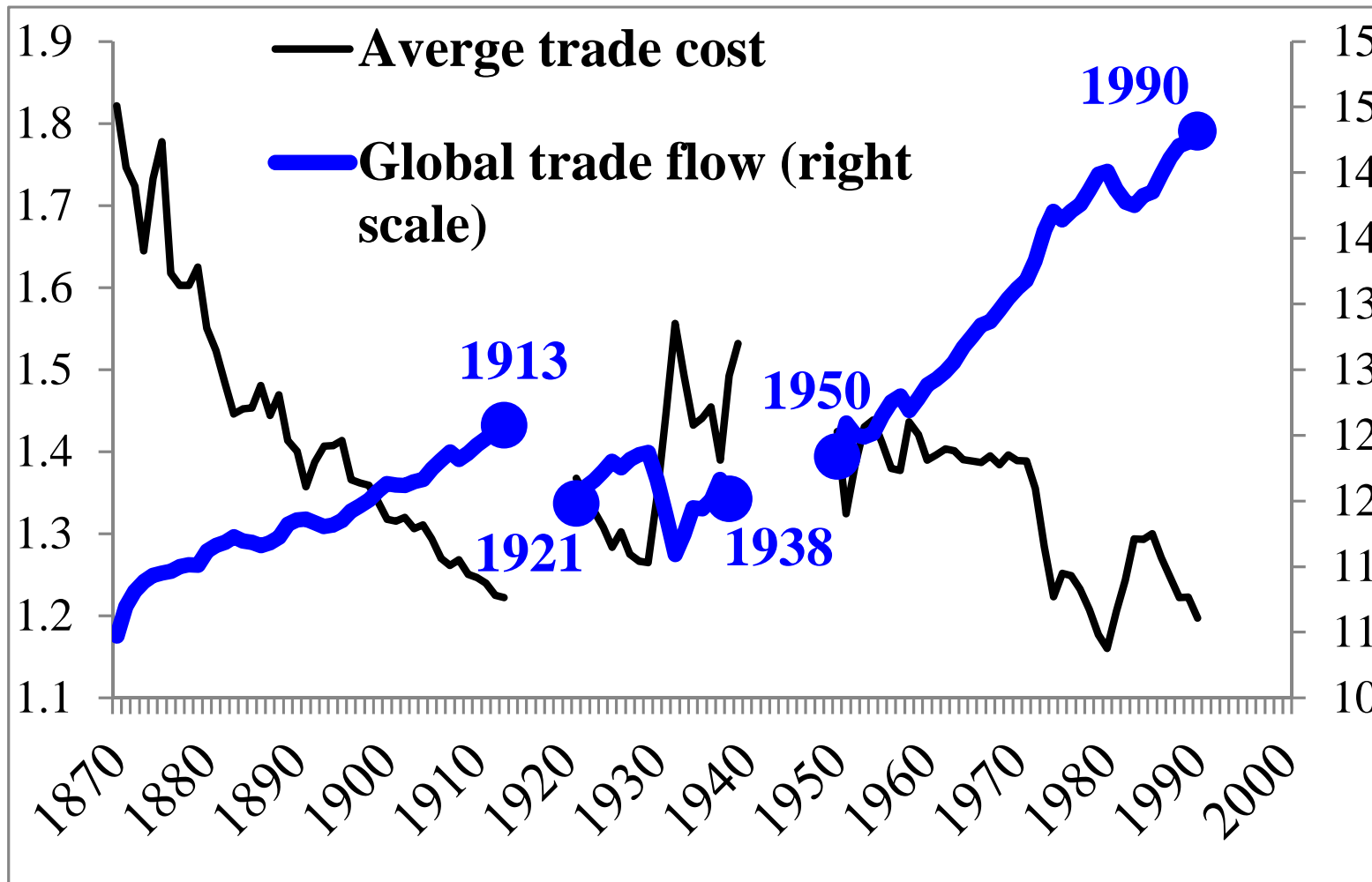
- No-trade to free-trade, slowly.

# 1870–1990: Globalisation ↔ Trade costs

*1. Falling transport costs*

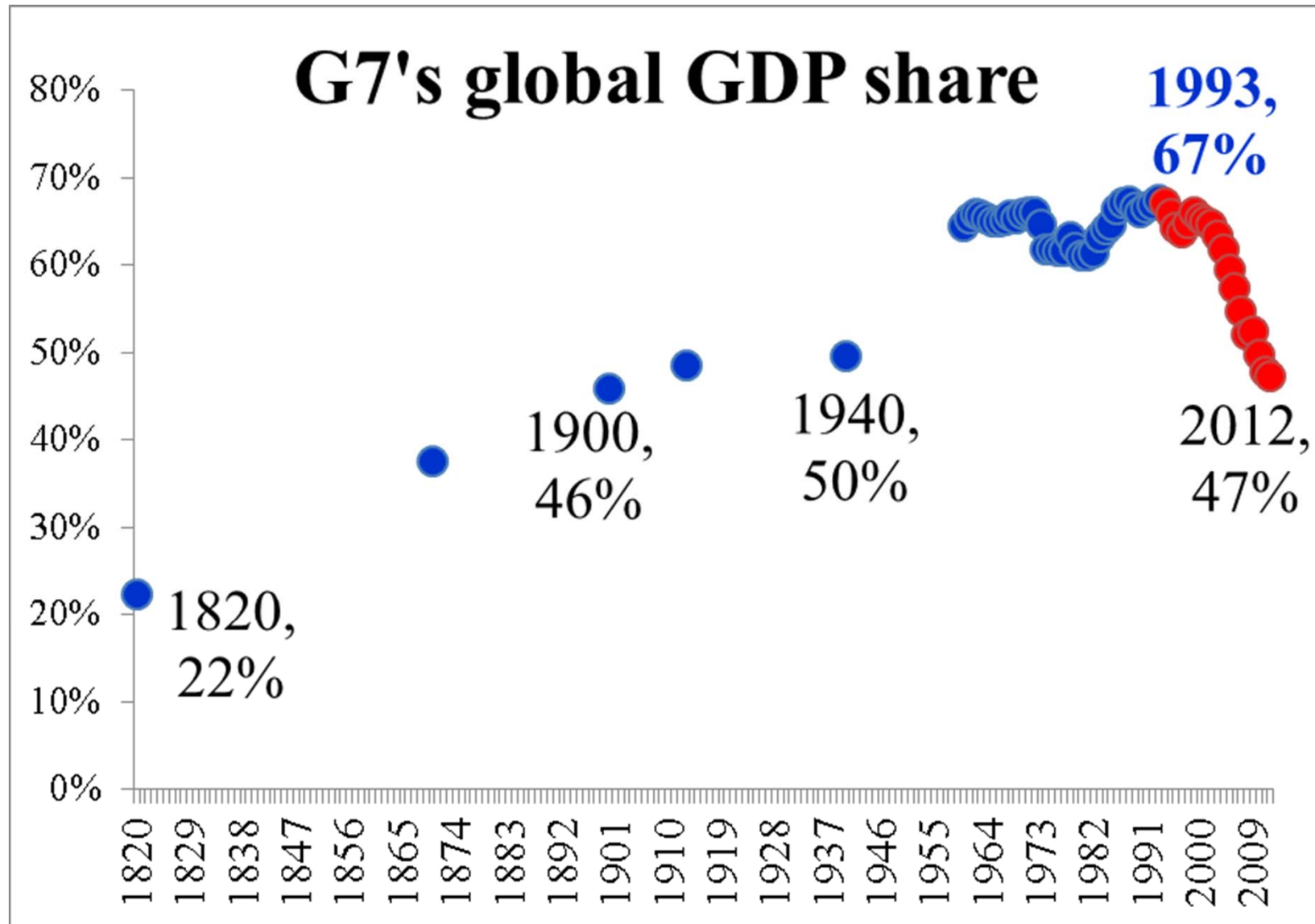
*2. Rising tariffs*

*3. Falling tariffs & transport costs*



Source: Gravity model based estimates of trade costs (Jacks, Meissner, Novy 2011).

# Globalisation changed around 1990

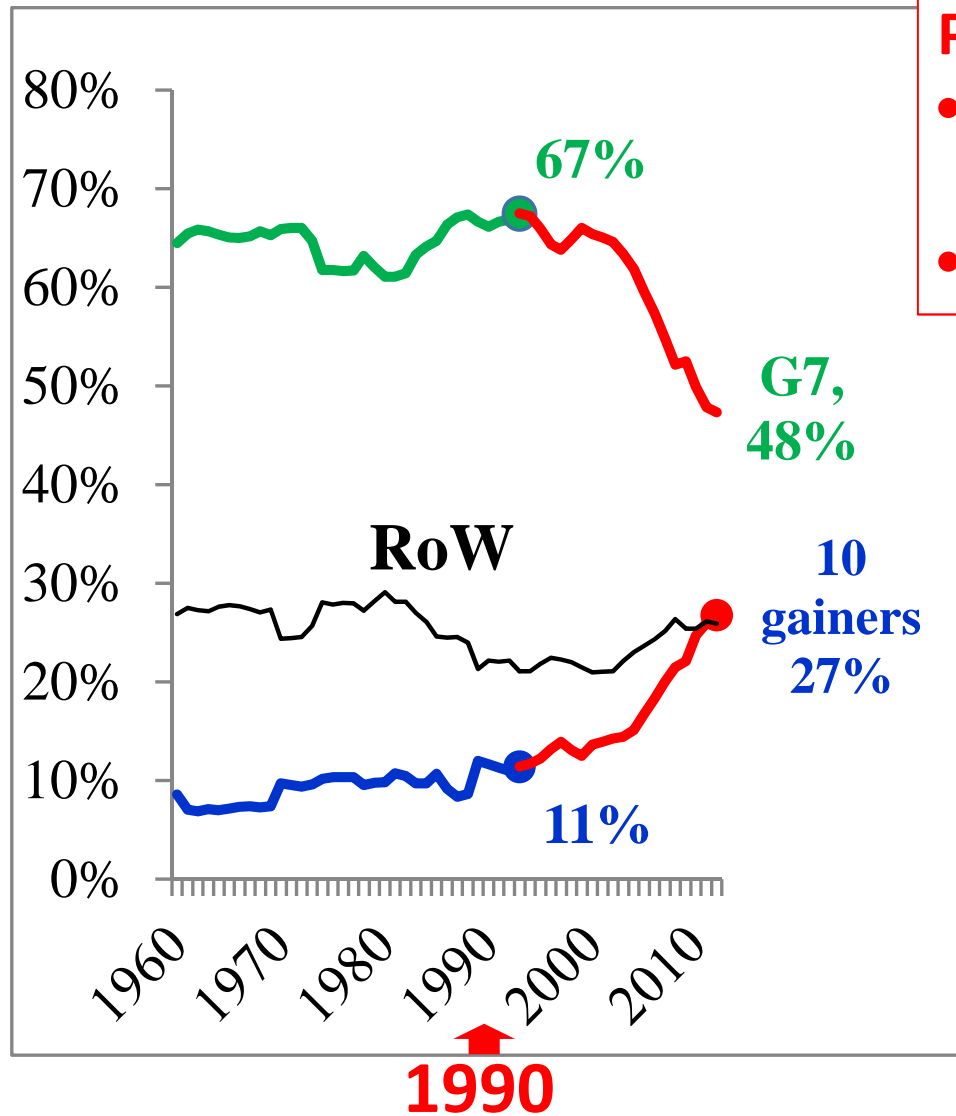


# What changed globalisation?

- Follow the clues ...



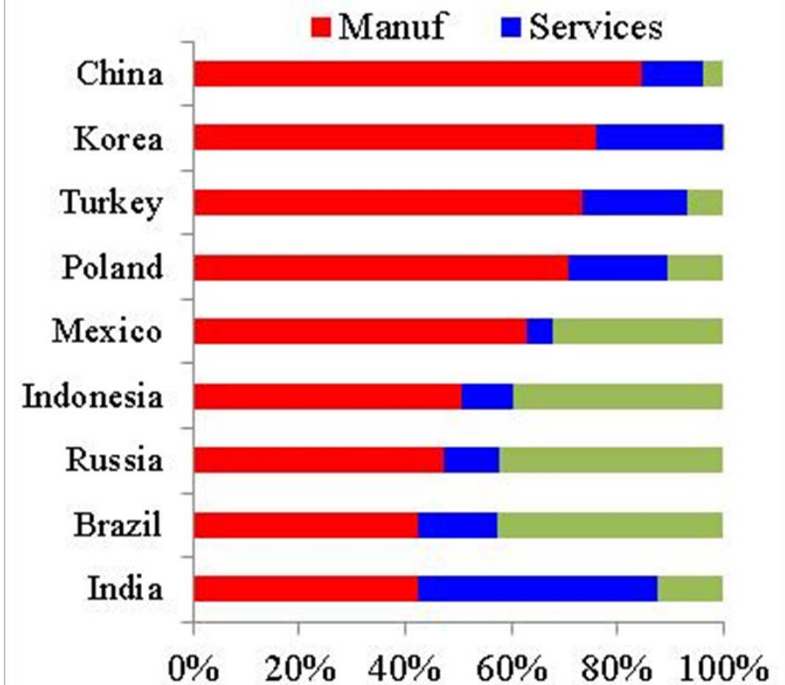
# Global GDP shares, 1960-2012



## Post-1990:

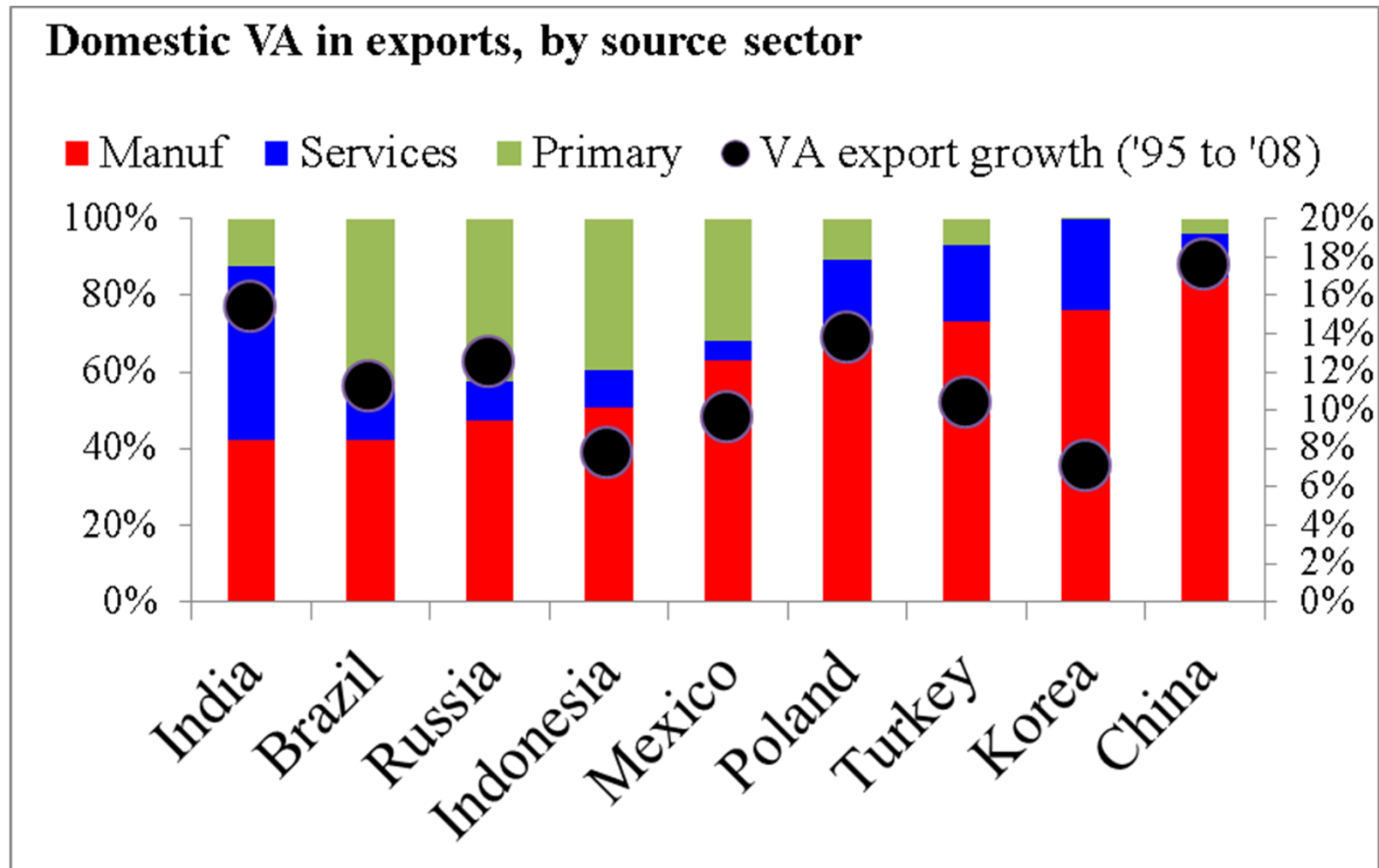
- G7 share loss goes to 10 developing nations.
- RoW see little change.

## Source-sector, domestic value-added in export growth

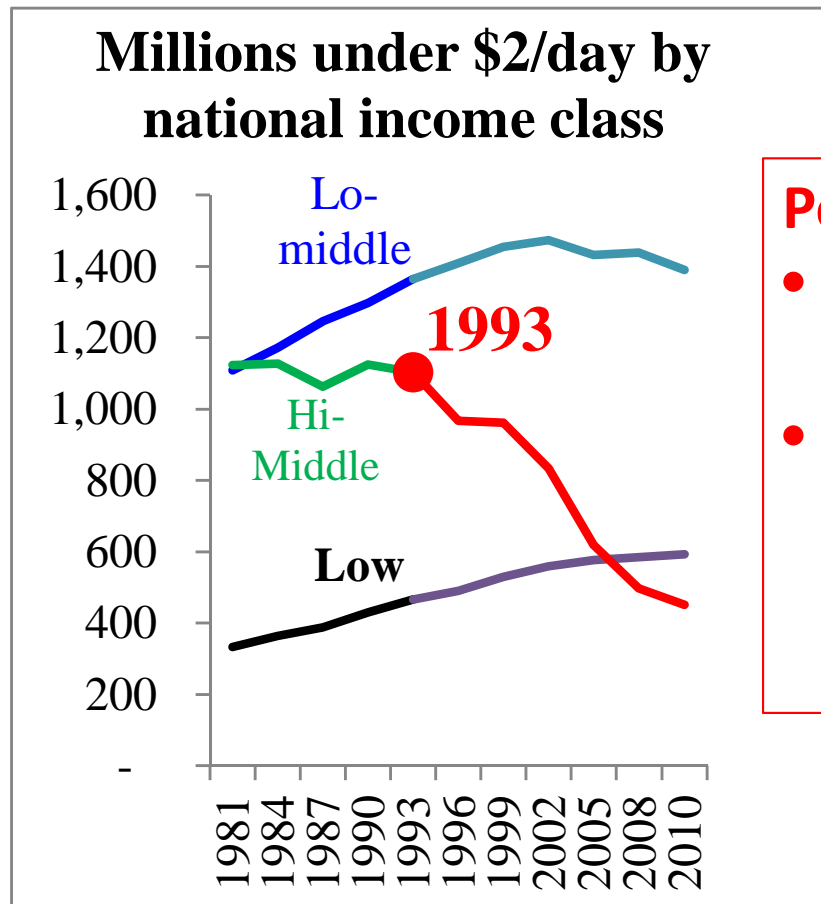


China, Brazil, Mexico, Poland, India, Turkey, Russia, Korea, Indonesia, Venezuela

# Source of Value-Added Export growth, 1995-2008



# People in poverty (under \$2/day)



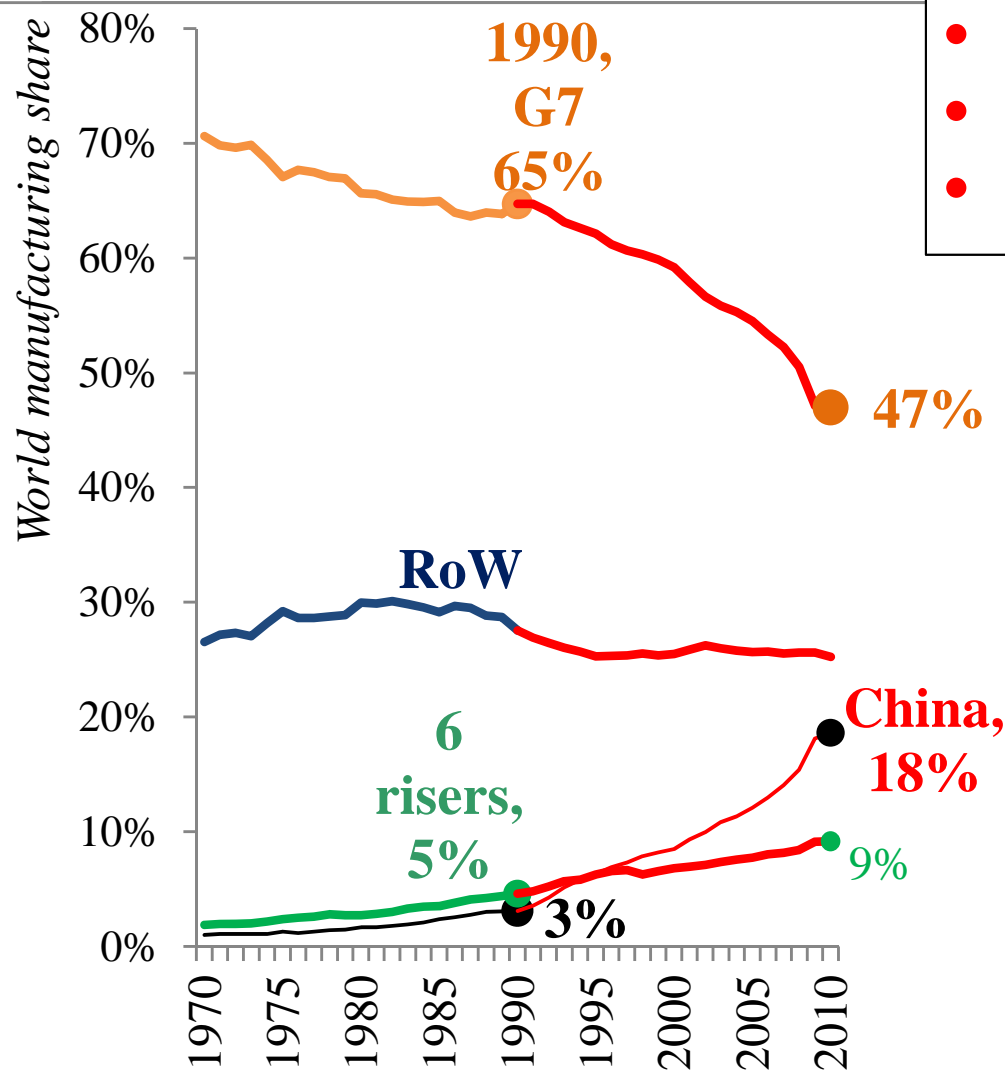
## Post 1993

- Hi-middle poverty plummets.
  - 650 million fewer poor!
- Others' poverty keeps rising.

↑  
**1990**



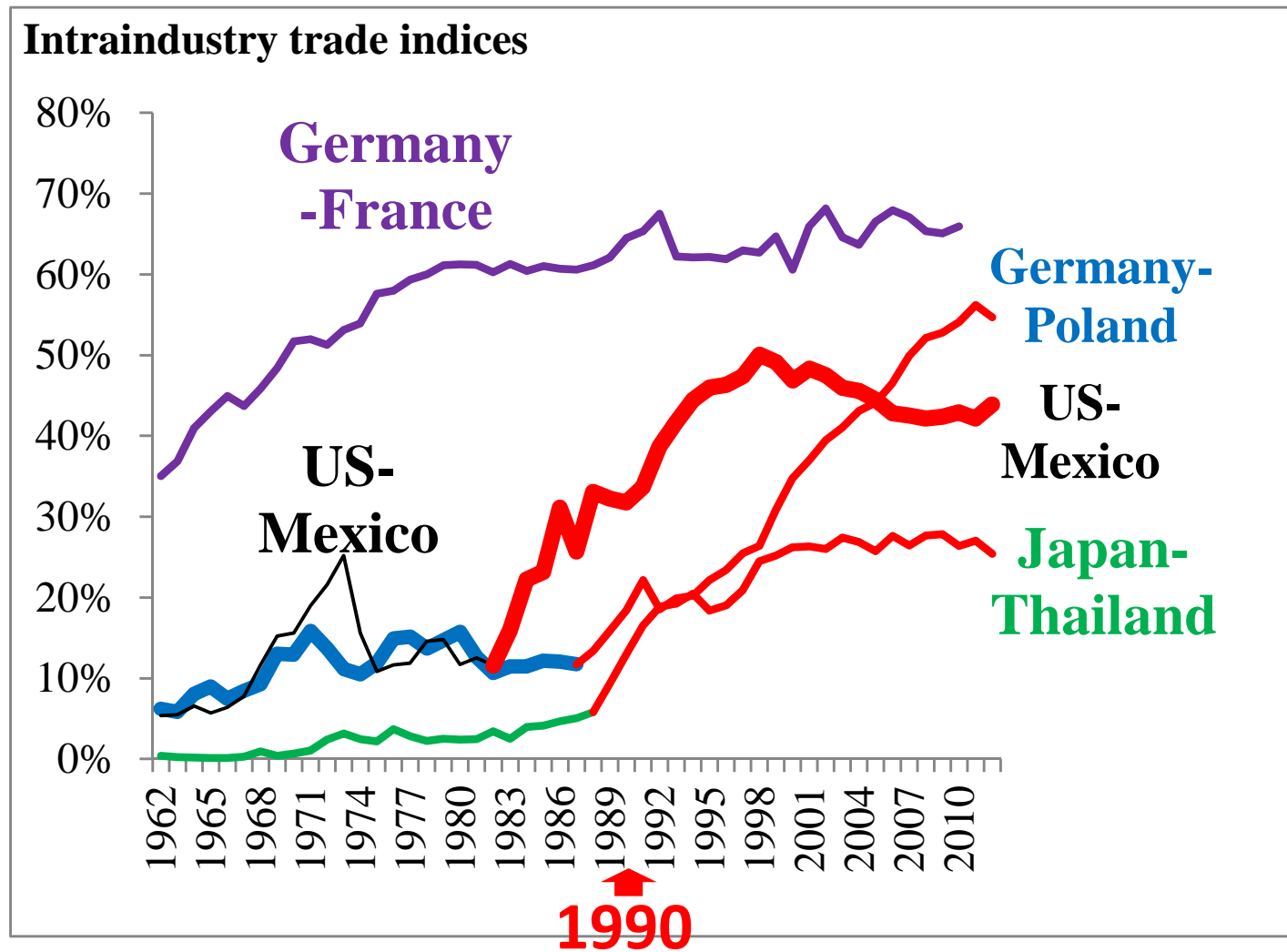
# Global manufacturing shares, 1970-2010



- 7 'losers'.
- 7 'risers'.
- RoW = little change.

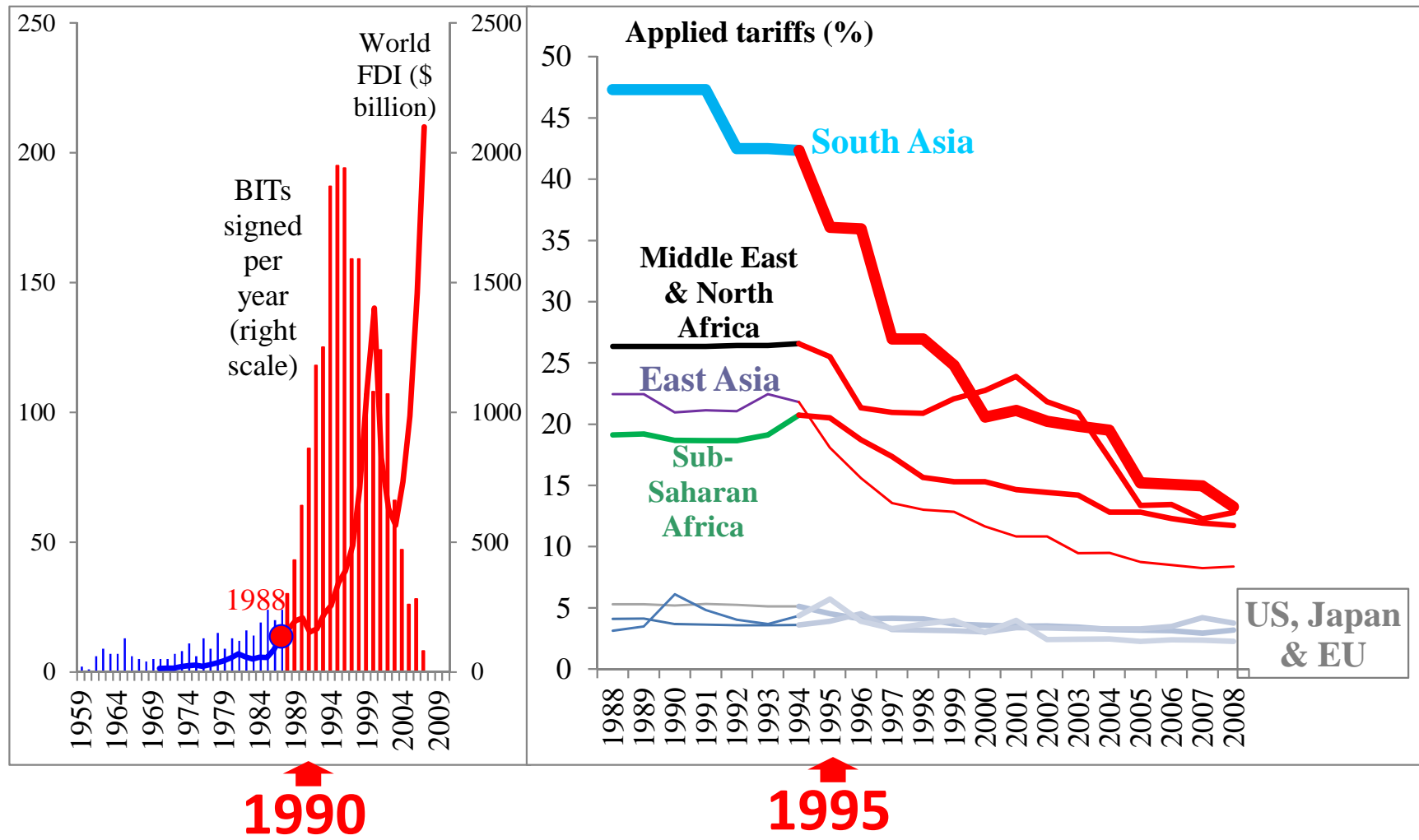
Source: unstats.un.org; 6 risers = Korea, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Turkey, Poland

# Nature of trade changed: Intra-industry trade (IIT)

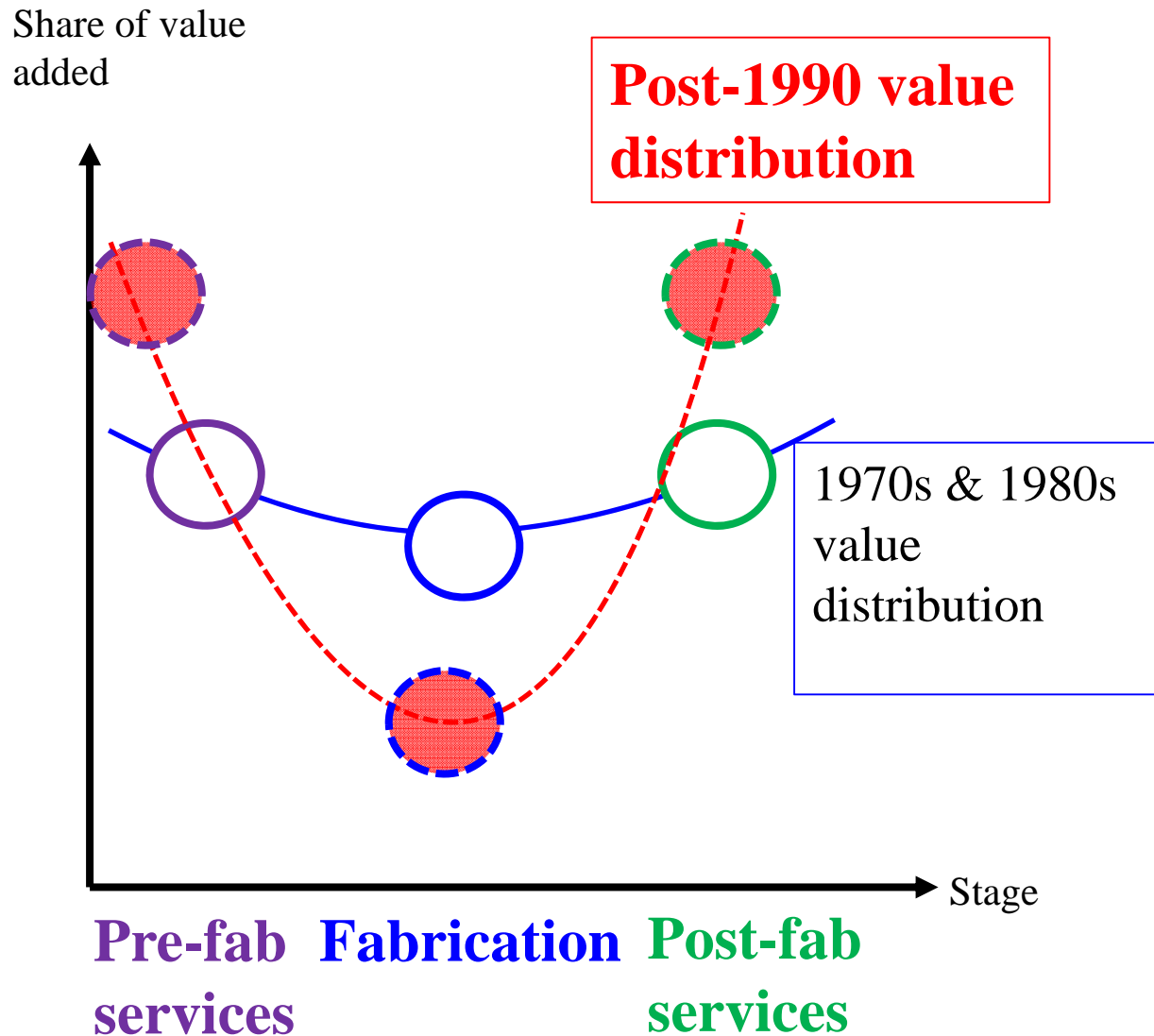


# Trade & investment policies

## Protectionism becomes destructionism



# 'Smile curve': Distribution of value



# Clues



Clue #1: The change is:

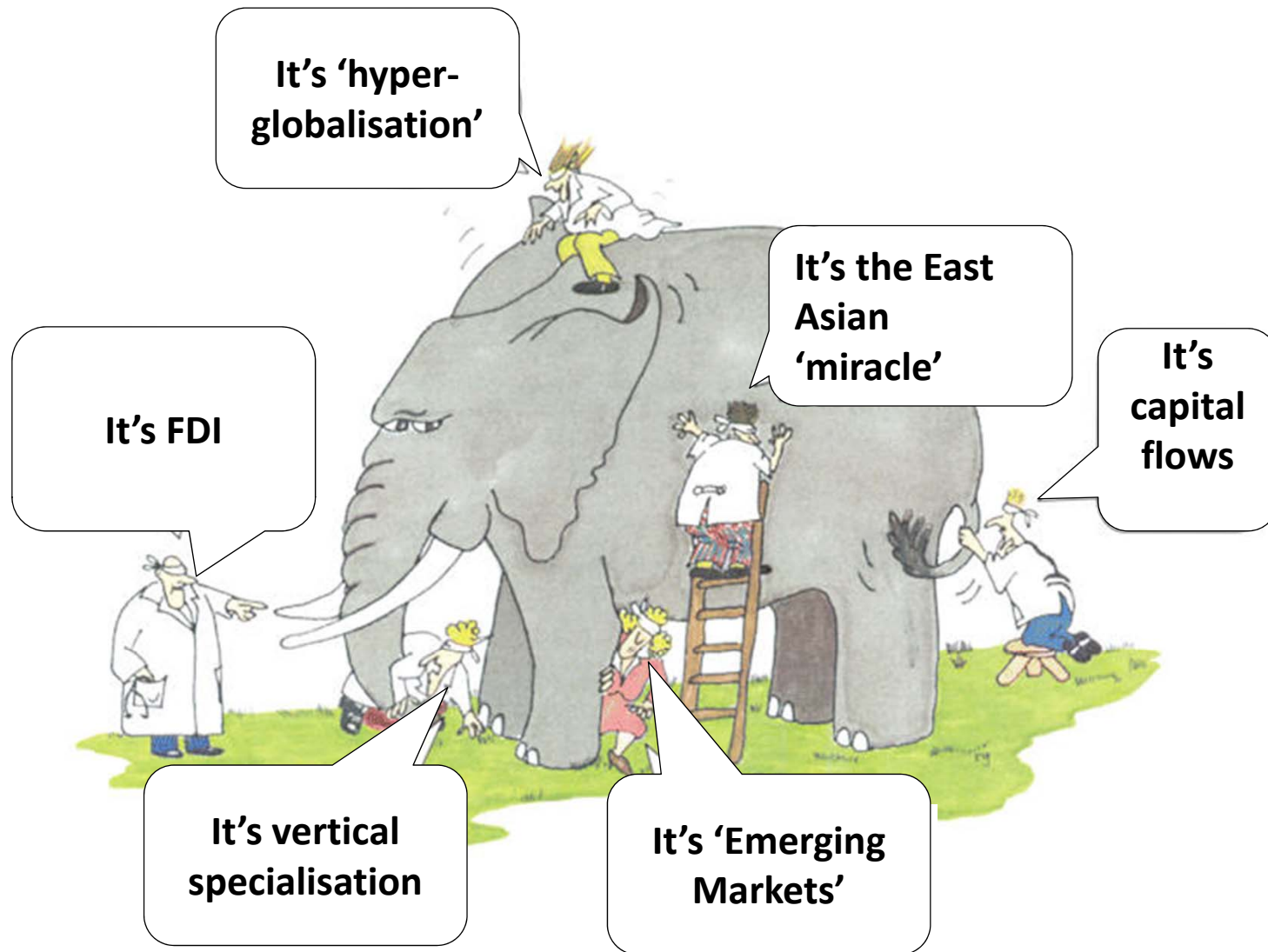
- Historic in size,
- Global in reach,
- VERY unevenly spread geographically.

Clue #2: The change is:

- Related to manufacturing & trade in intermediates.

Clue #3: Transformed developing nations' views of trade & investment.

# Buzzwords in lieu of analysis



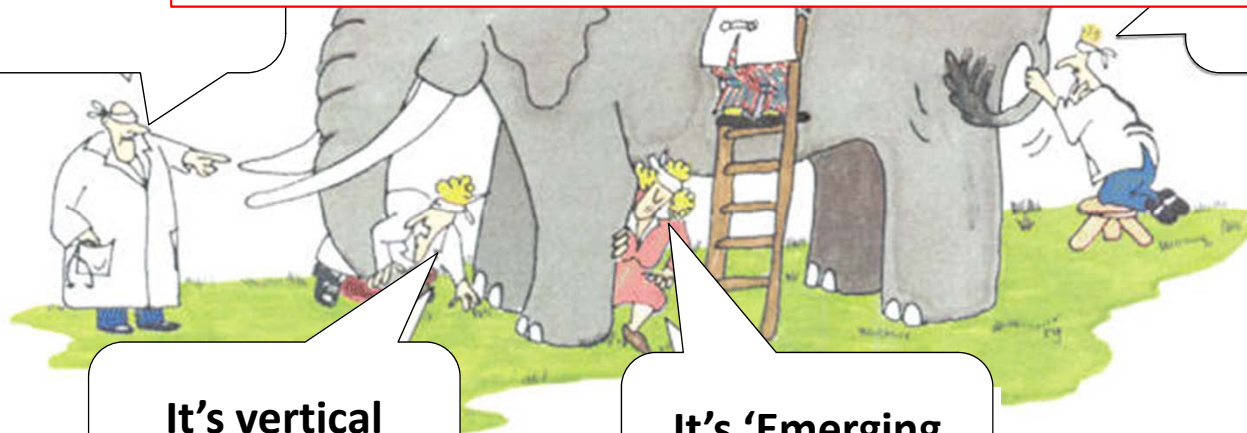
# Elephant = international movement of firm-specific know-how.

## **"GVC revolution"**

**Know-how becomes:**

- 1) Firm-specific, not nation-specific.**
- 2) Rapidly combined with South labour – but only in a few developing nations.**

It's FD



It's vertical specialisation

It's 'Emerging Markets'

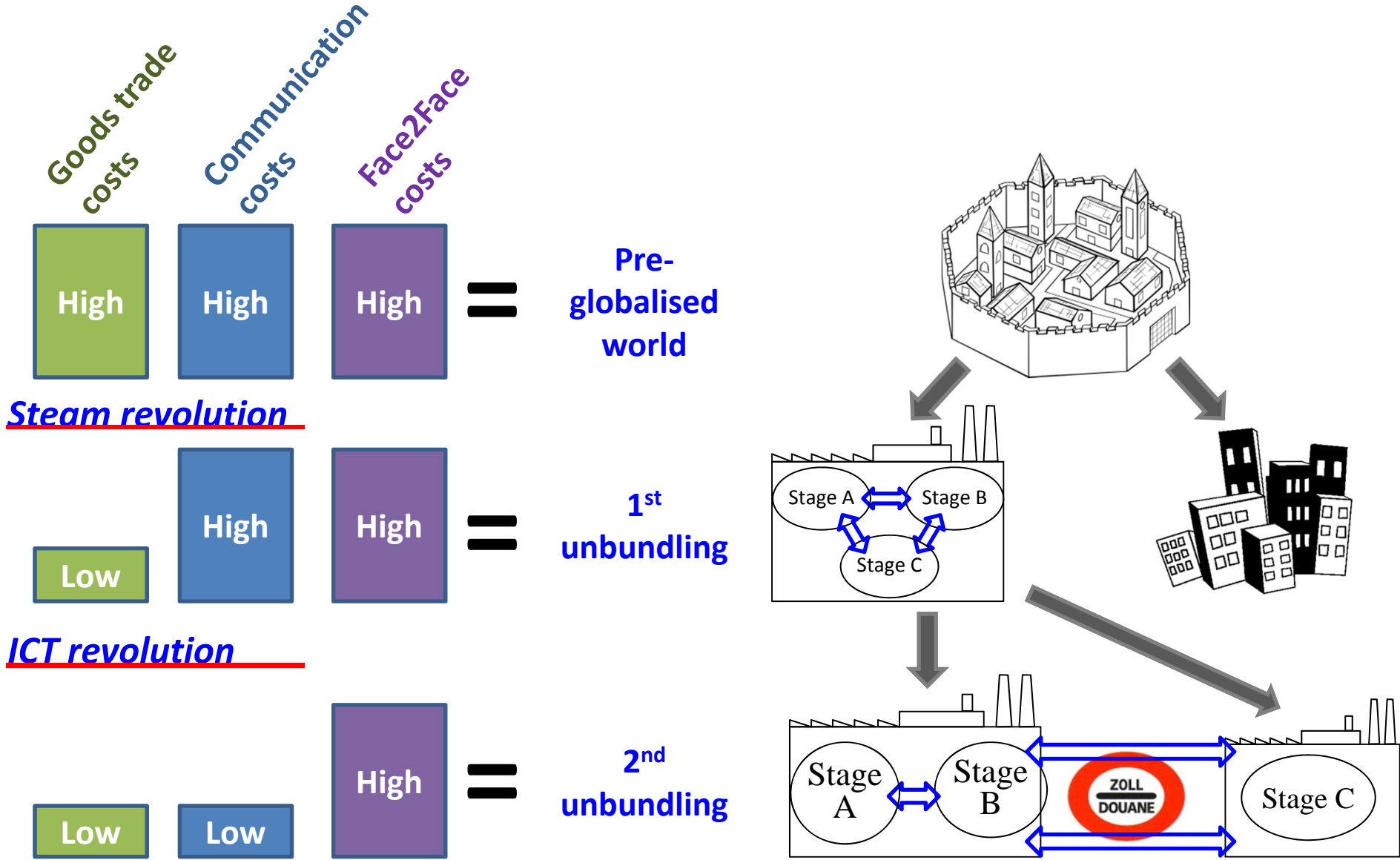
# A new narrative for globalisation

Globalisation as 2 processes, not 1





# Globalisation: 3 cascading constraints



# Distance still matters

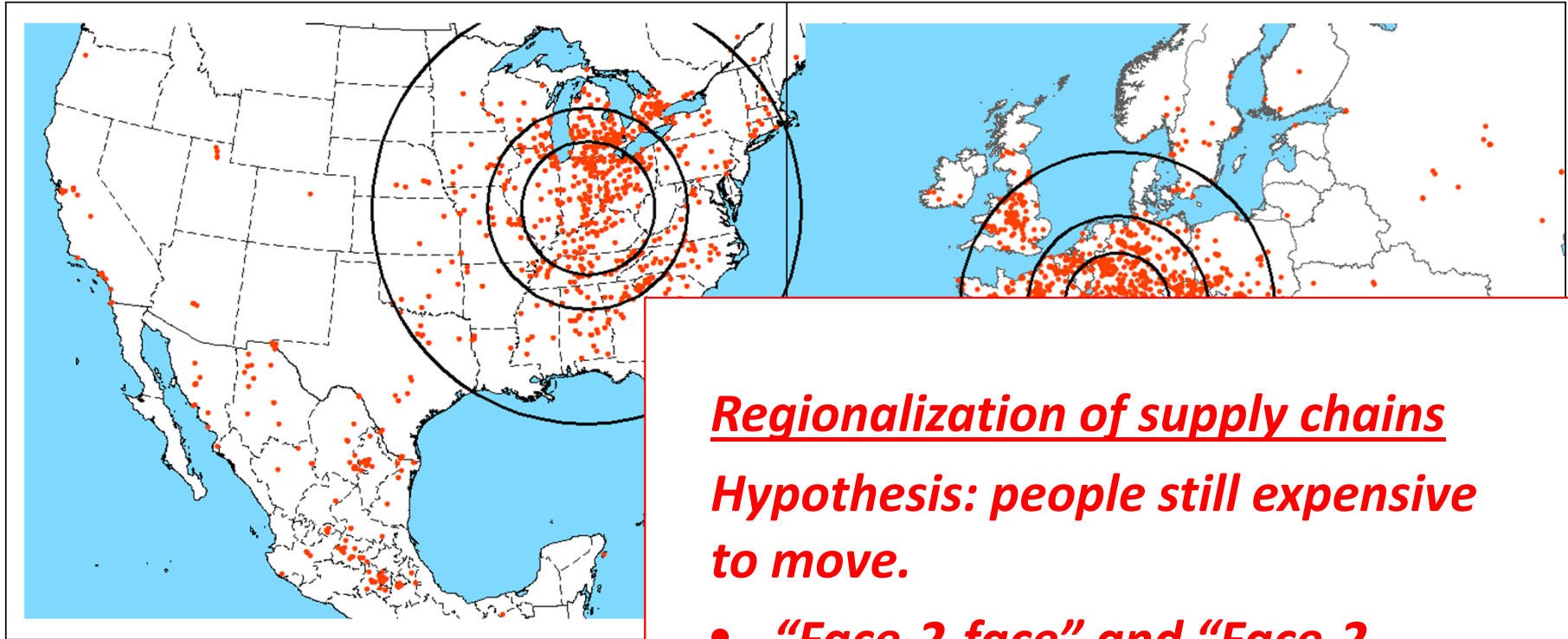


Figure 1: North American and Europe

## *Regionalization of supply chains*

*Hypothesis: people still expensive to move.*

- *“Face-2-face” and “Face-2-machine” constraints.*

# Basic economic difference

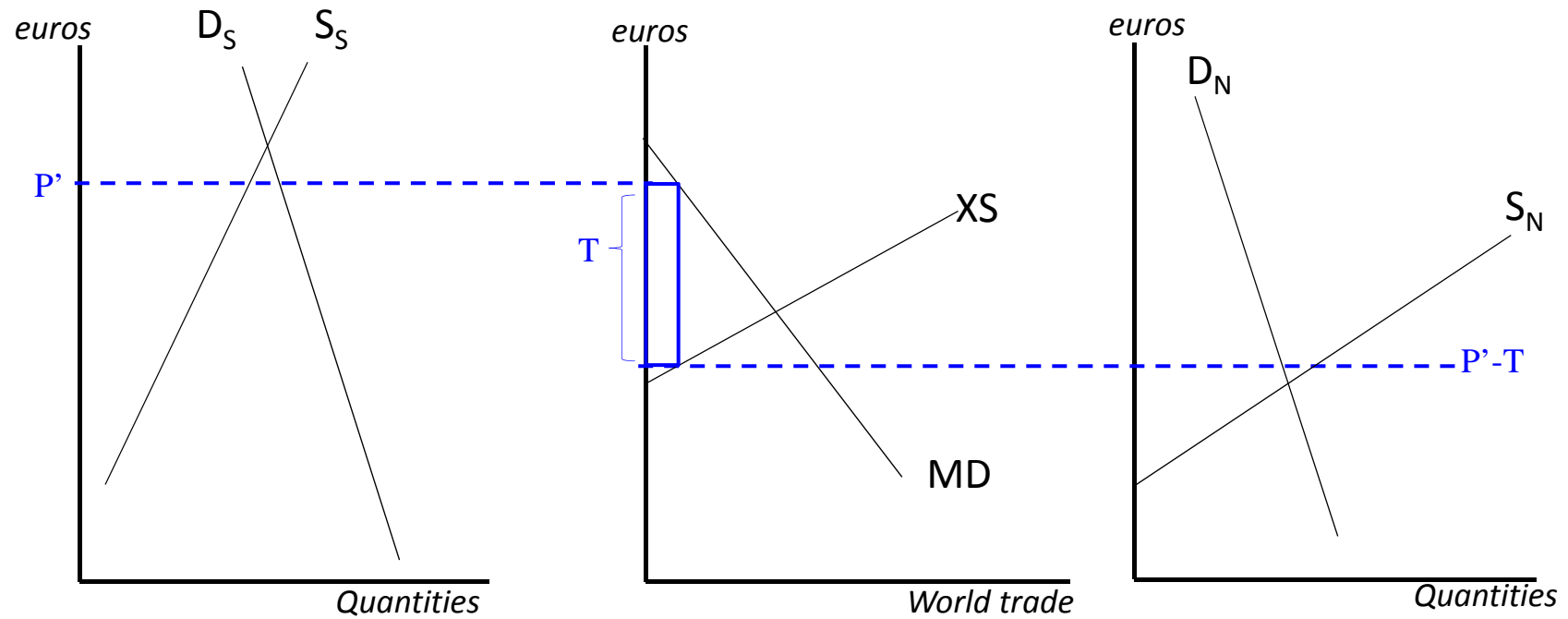
- 1<sup>st</sup> unbundling: “old-paradigm globalisation”
  - (A) National comparative advantage.
  - (B) Trade: “Goods crossing borders”.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> unbundling: “new-paradigm globalisation”
  - (A) Denationalized comparative advantage.
  - (B) Trade: “Factories crossing borders”.
  - Richer, interconnected flows: goods, knowhow, ideas, capital, people, etc.

# Economics of 2<sup>nd</sup> unbundling

- 2 ways of recombination hi-tech & low-wages:
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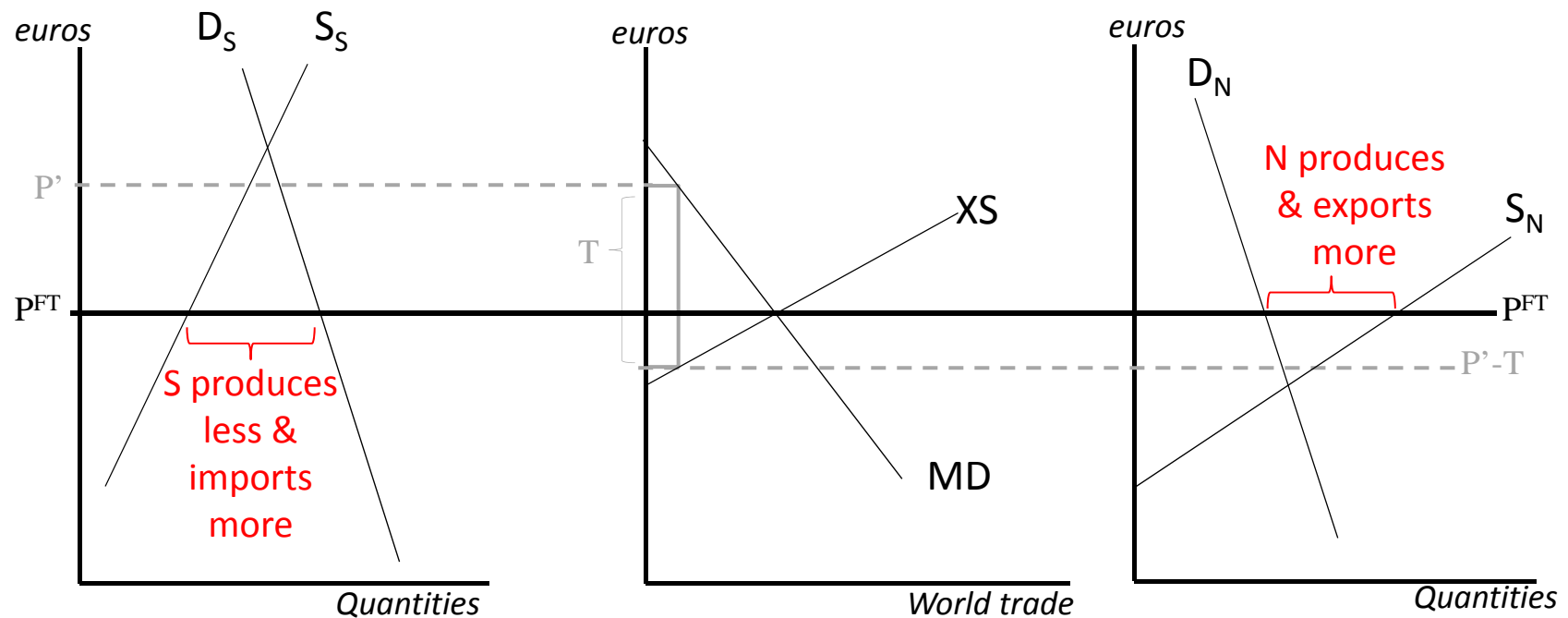
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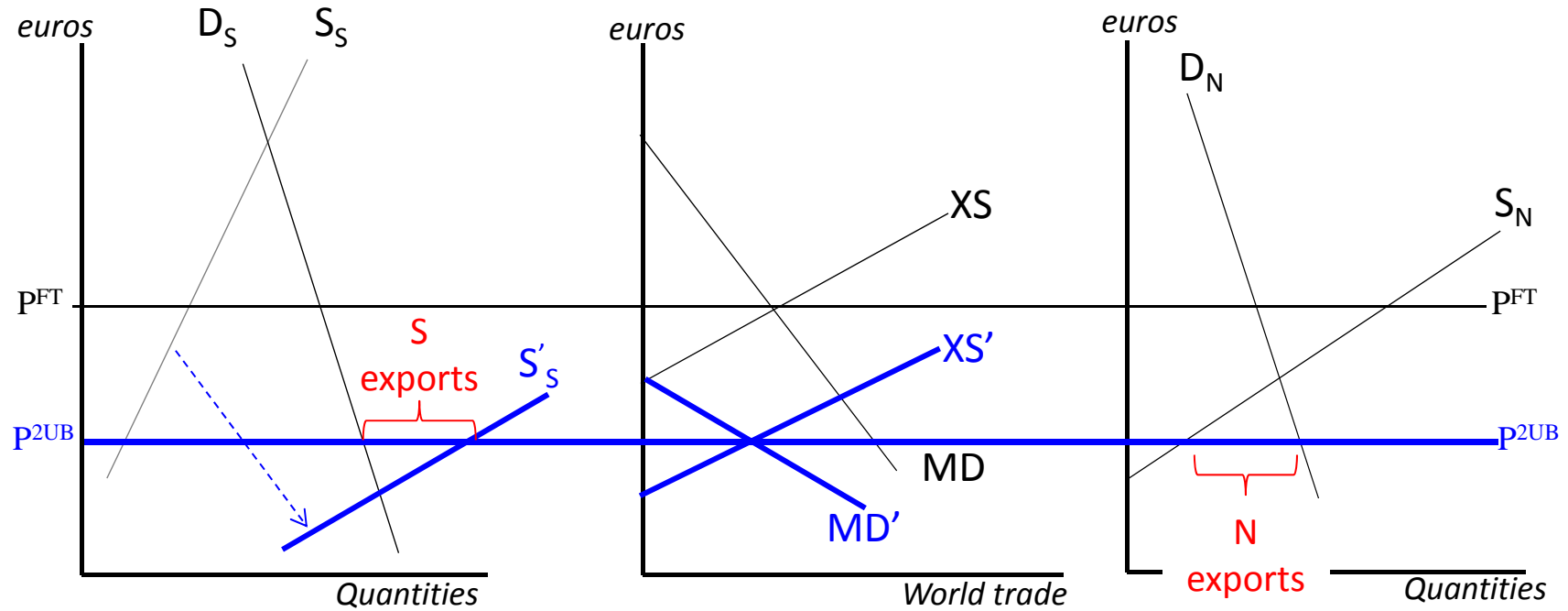


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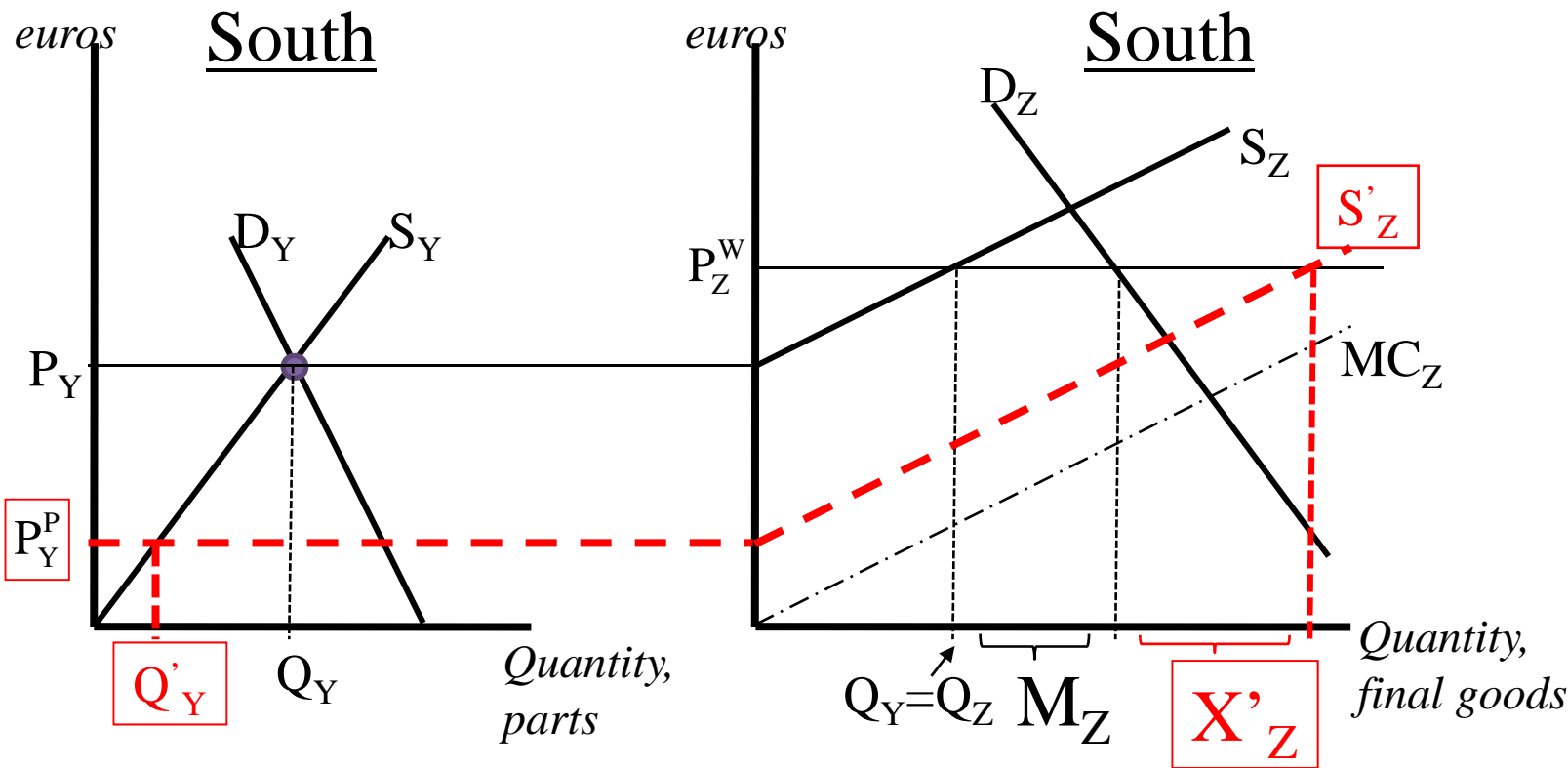
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# 2<sup>nd</sup> UB → Direct recombination of North tech with South labour



# Trade in parts can switch comparative advantage





# Misthinking globalisation = misthinking economics/econometrics

- 1<sup>st</sup> unbundling thinking:

$$Y_{Jpn} = A_{Jpn} F[L_{Jpn}, K_{Jpn}]$$

- 2<sup>nd</sup> unbundling thinking:
  - Globalisation changes technology in some developing nations.
  - Know-how flows directly in ‘global value chains’ & indirectly via intermediates.

# Why it matters

- OLD: Study national performance looking at national factors.
  - ‘Team Japan’ versus ‘Team Germany’
  - ⇒ Regress growth/exports/etc on national right-hand side variables.
- NEW: Study national performance looking at regional and national factors.
  - ‘Factory Asia’ versus ‘Factory North America’
  - ⇒ Regress growth/exports/etc on national & regional right-hand side variables and/or allow interactions depending upon supply-chain exposure.

# Misthinking industrialisation:

Spence growth commission (2008)

Economy	Period of +7% growth	GDP/pop at start	GDP/pop in 2005
Botswana	1960–2005	210	3,800
Brazil	1950–1980	960	4,000
China	1961–2005	105	1,400
Hong Kong, China*	1960–1997	3,100	29,900
Indonesia	1966–1997	200	900
Japan*	1950–1983	3,500	39,600
Korea, Rep. of*	1960–2001	1,100	13,200
Malaysia	1967–1997	790	4,400
Malta*	1963–1994	1,100	9,600
Oman	1960–1999	950	9,000
Singapore*	1967–2002	2,200	25,400
Taiwan, China*	1965–2002	1,500	16,400
Thailand	1960–1997	330	2,400

# Misthinking globalisation: Fancy Revealed

## Comparative Advantage, Hausmann & Rodrik



### The Future of Manufacturing Opportunities to drive economic growth



Product Space Network

Electronics Product Community Products requiring similar capabilities are in close proximity

Machinery Community

Construction Material & Equipment Community

Textiles & Garments Communities

Core of Map – Products requiring more, and more advanced, capabilities are closer to the core, e.g., vehicles, machinery, ships. Node size based on complexity level (larger = more complex)

Chemicals & Health Community

Periphery of Map – Products requiring fewer, and less complex capabilities are on the periphery (smaller nodes = less complex)

# Key difference for policy

- 1<sup>st</sup> unbundling = 1UB
  - Slow, predictable, controllable (tariff cuts).
  - Impact by sector and skill-group.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> unbundling = 2UB
  - Sudden, individual, unpredictable.
  - Globalisation with a 'finer degree of resolution'.

# Some applications



# First look at relationship

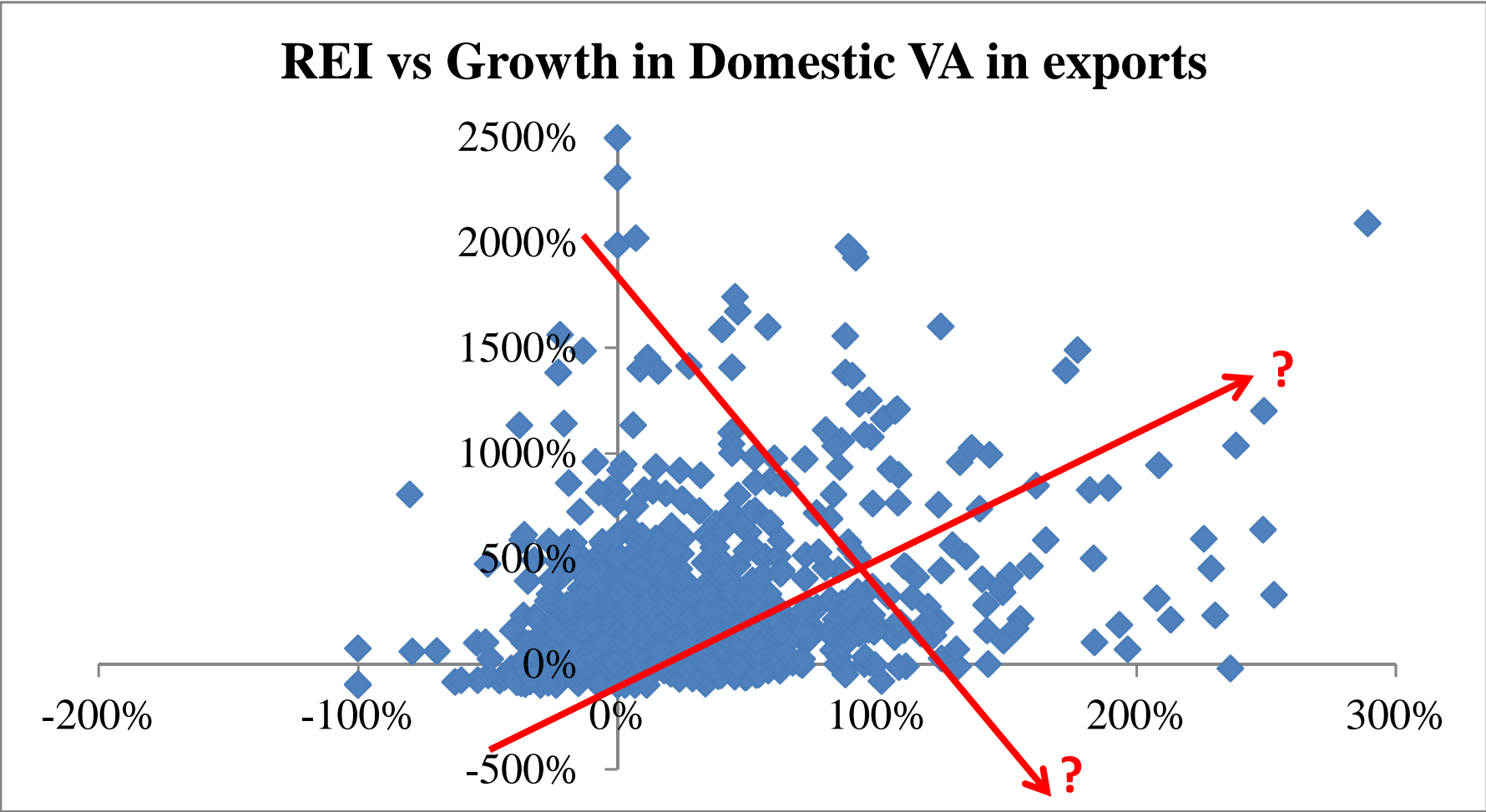
## Hope

- Faster domestic value-added export growth correlated with faster REI growth.
- Plot vertical axis = Growth in domestic value added in exports
- Plot horizontal axis = Growth in REI trade (supply-chain participation)

## Data

- Plot all nations, all 18 goods sectors.
- Growth from 1995 to 2009.

# Little correlation

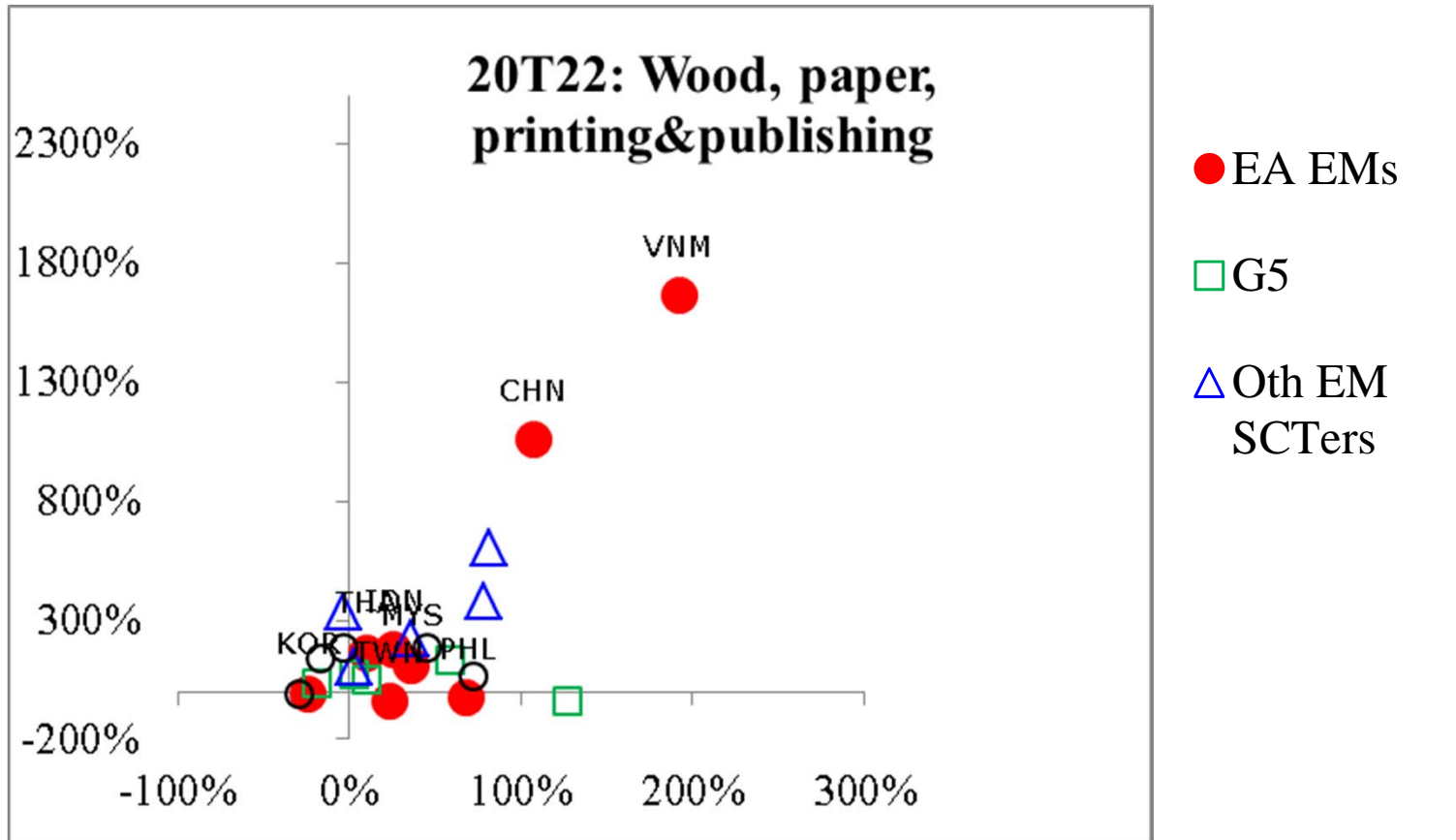




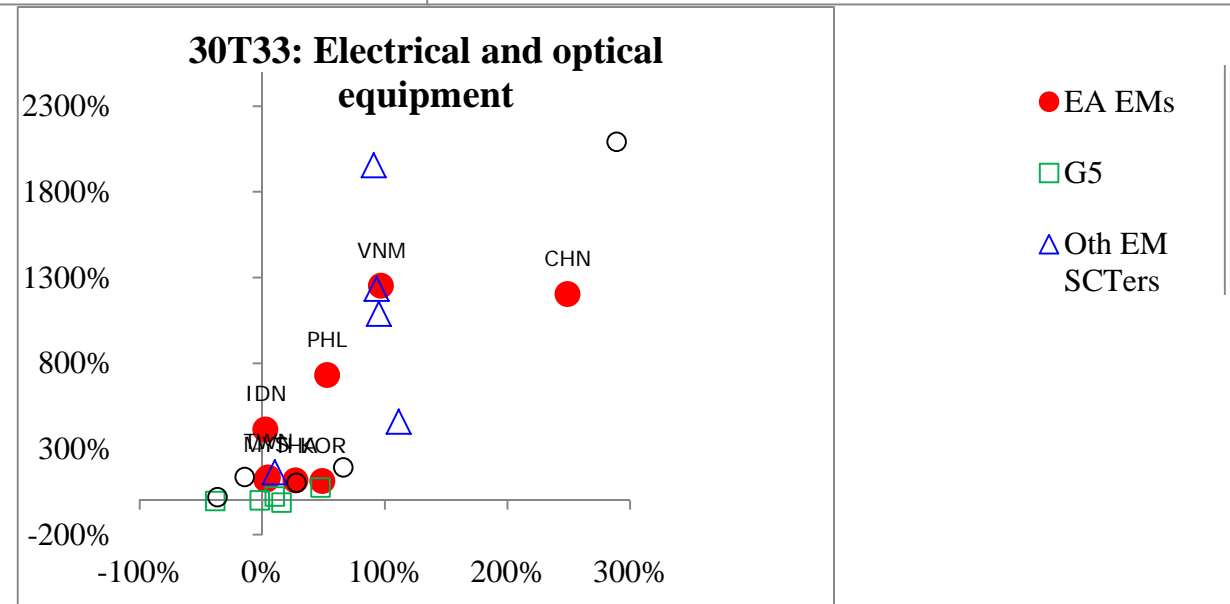
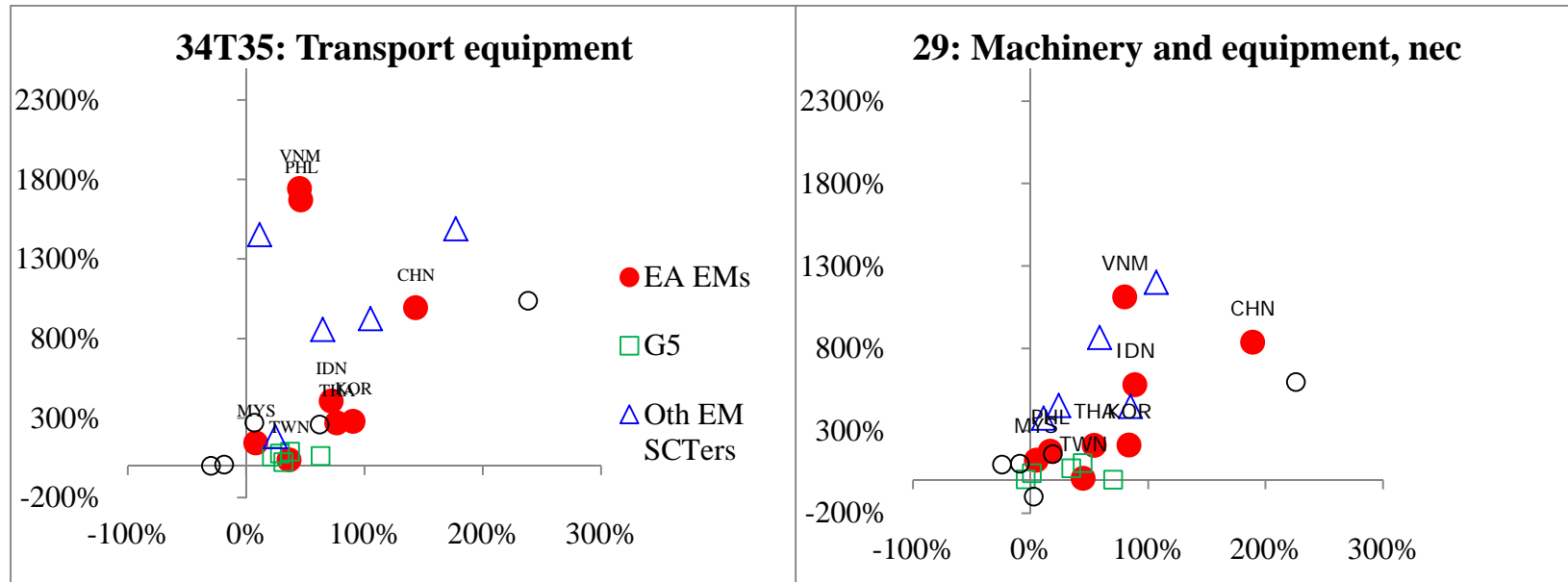
# But theory to rescue

- The correlation should depend upon:
  - Nations:
    - Headquarter v factory economies
    - Primary-resource exporters v manufactures exporters
  - Sectors:
    - GVC sectors (mech & elec machinery, chemicals, etc)
    - nonGVC sectors

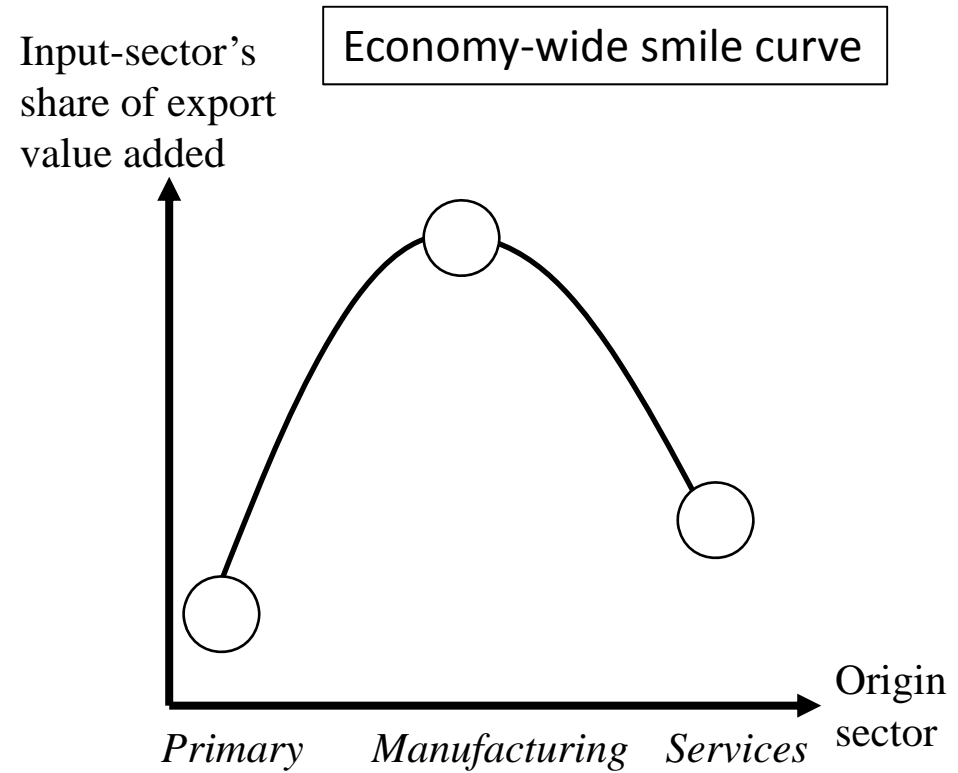
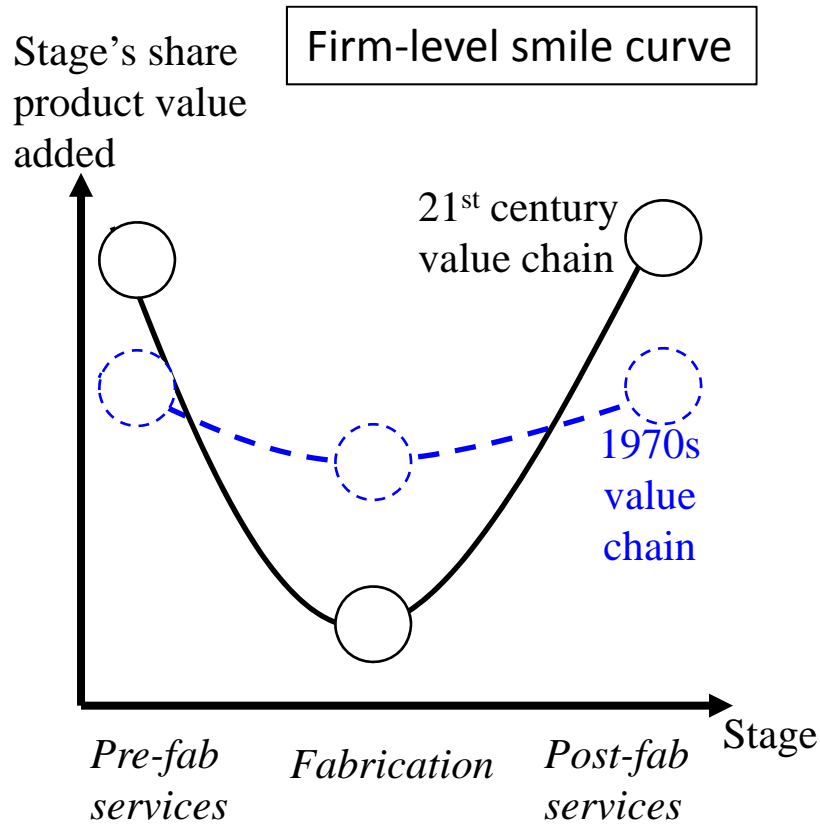
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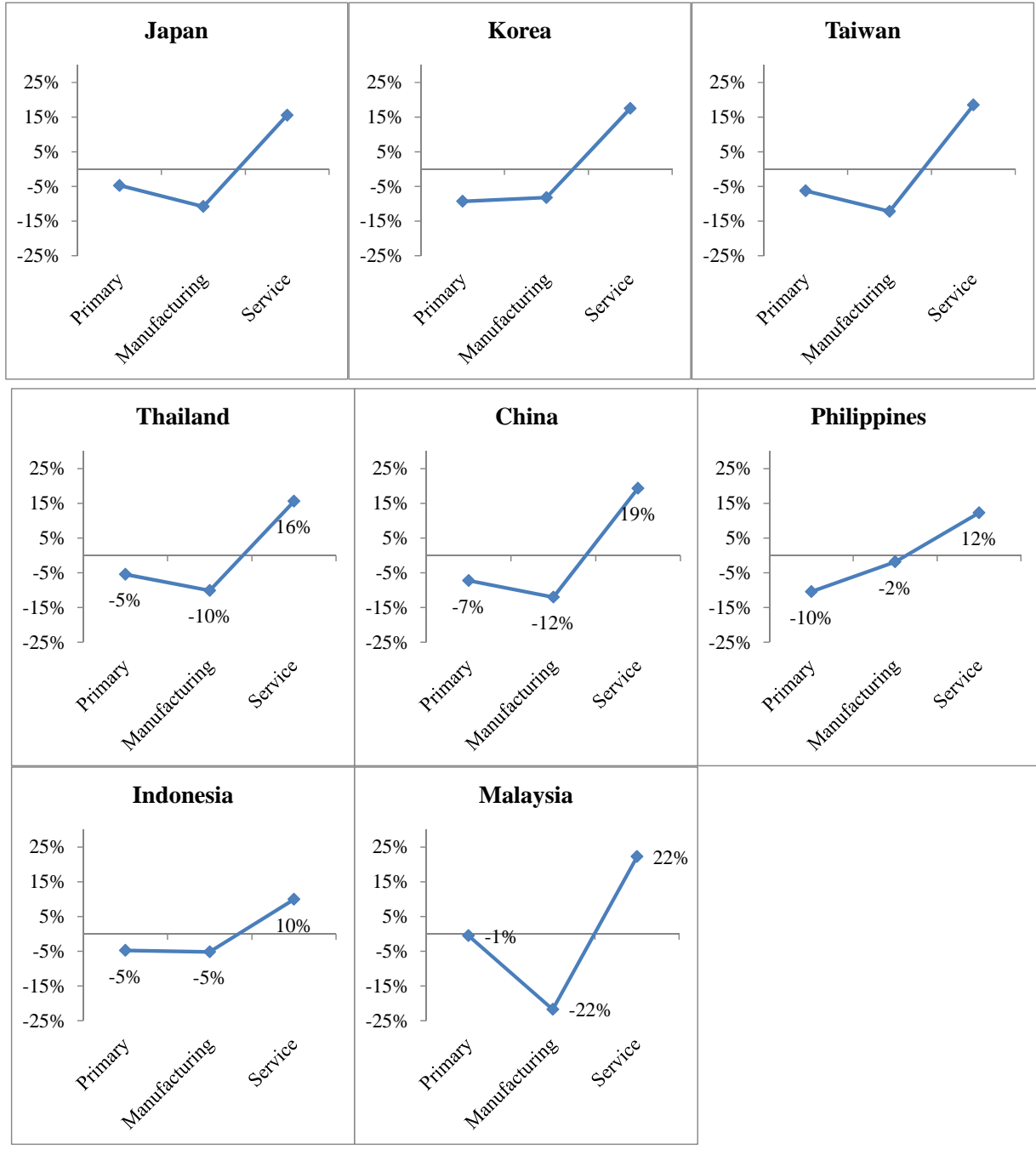
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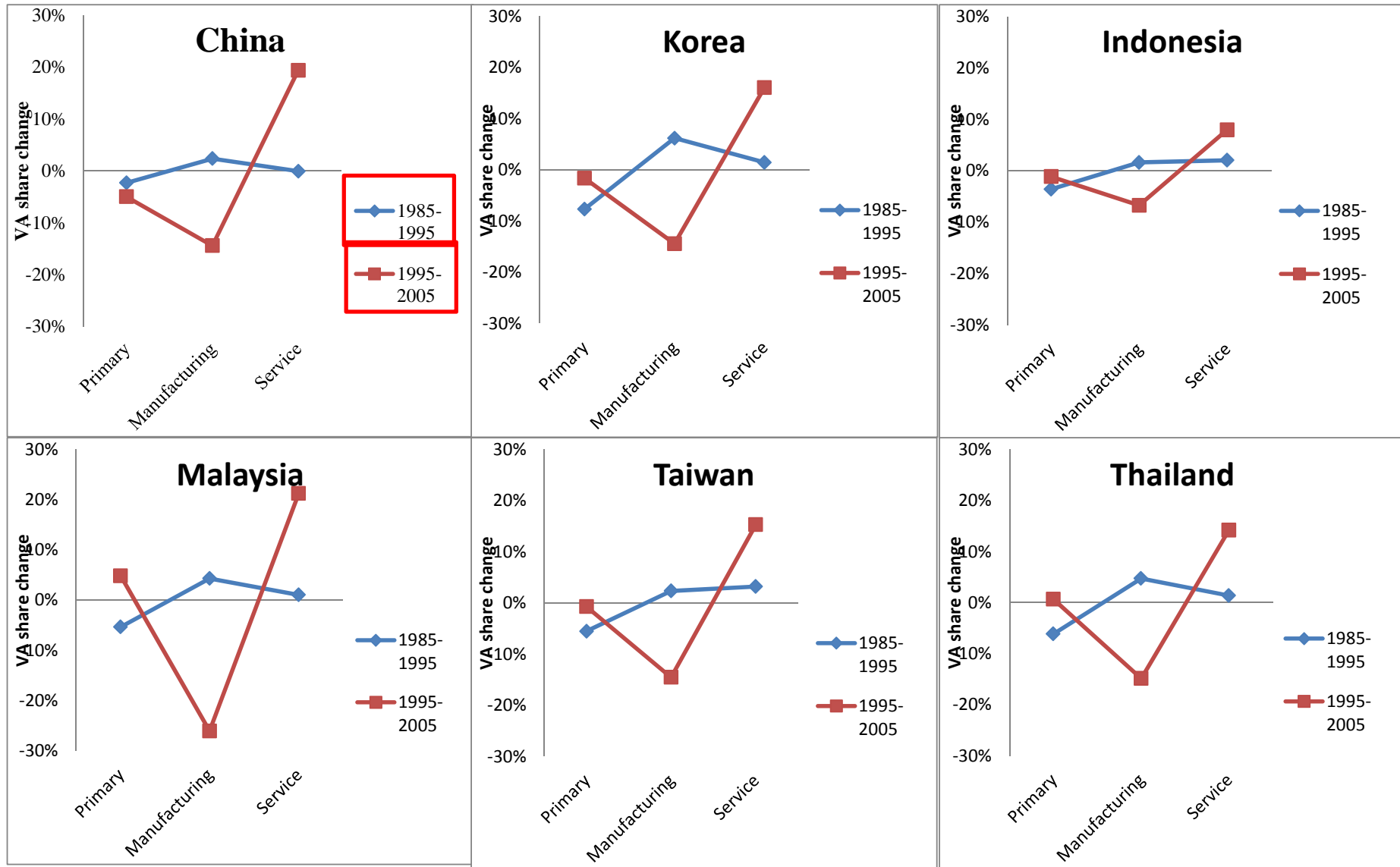
# Firm v Economy Smile Curve



**1995 - 2005**



# Smile started in the 1990s



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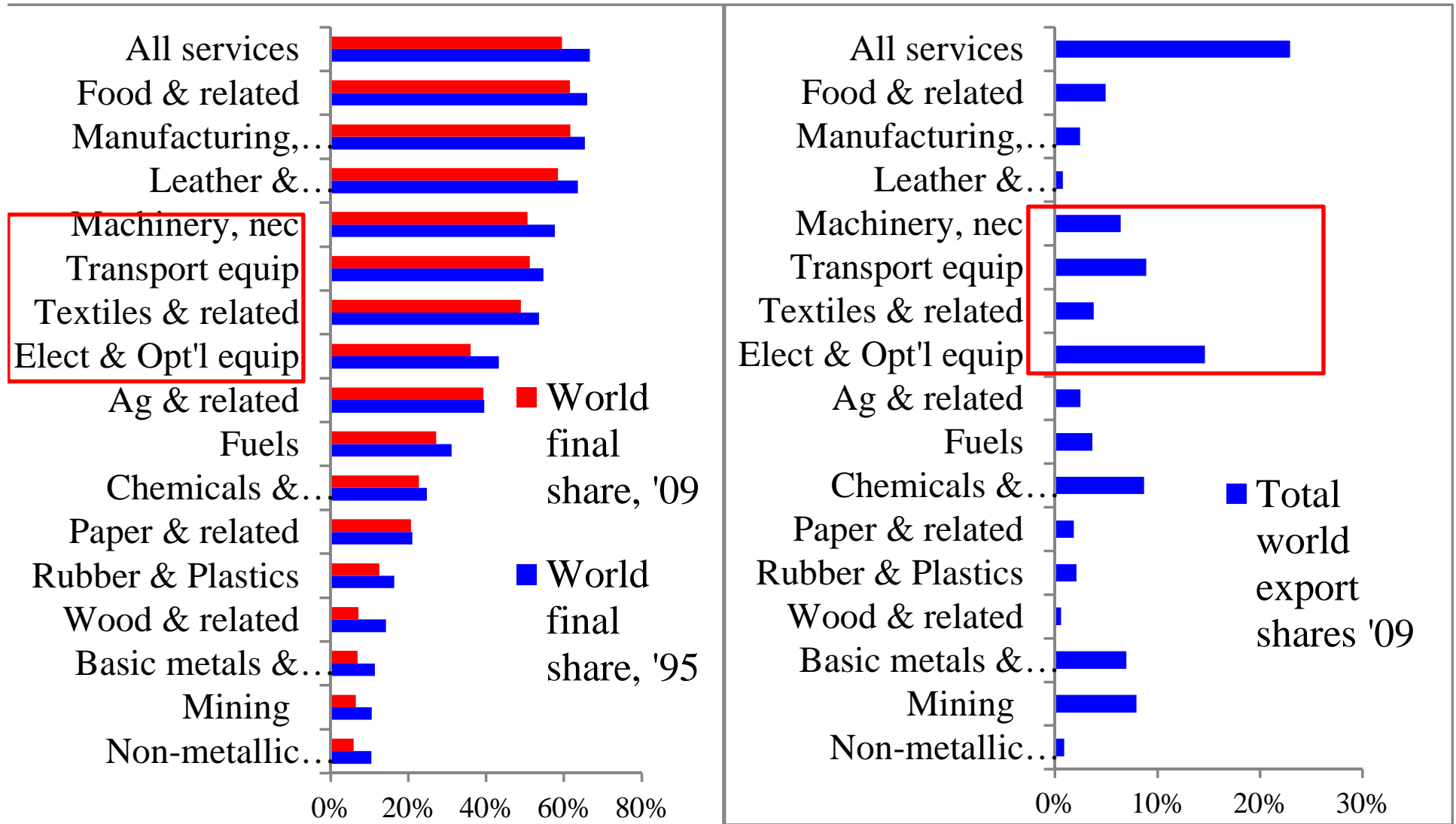
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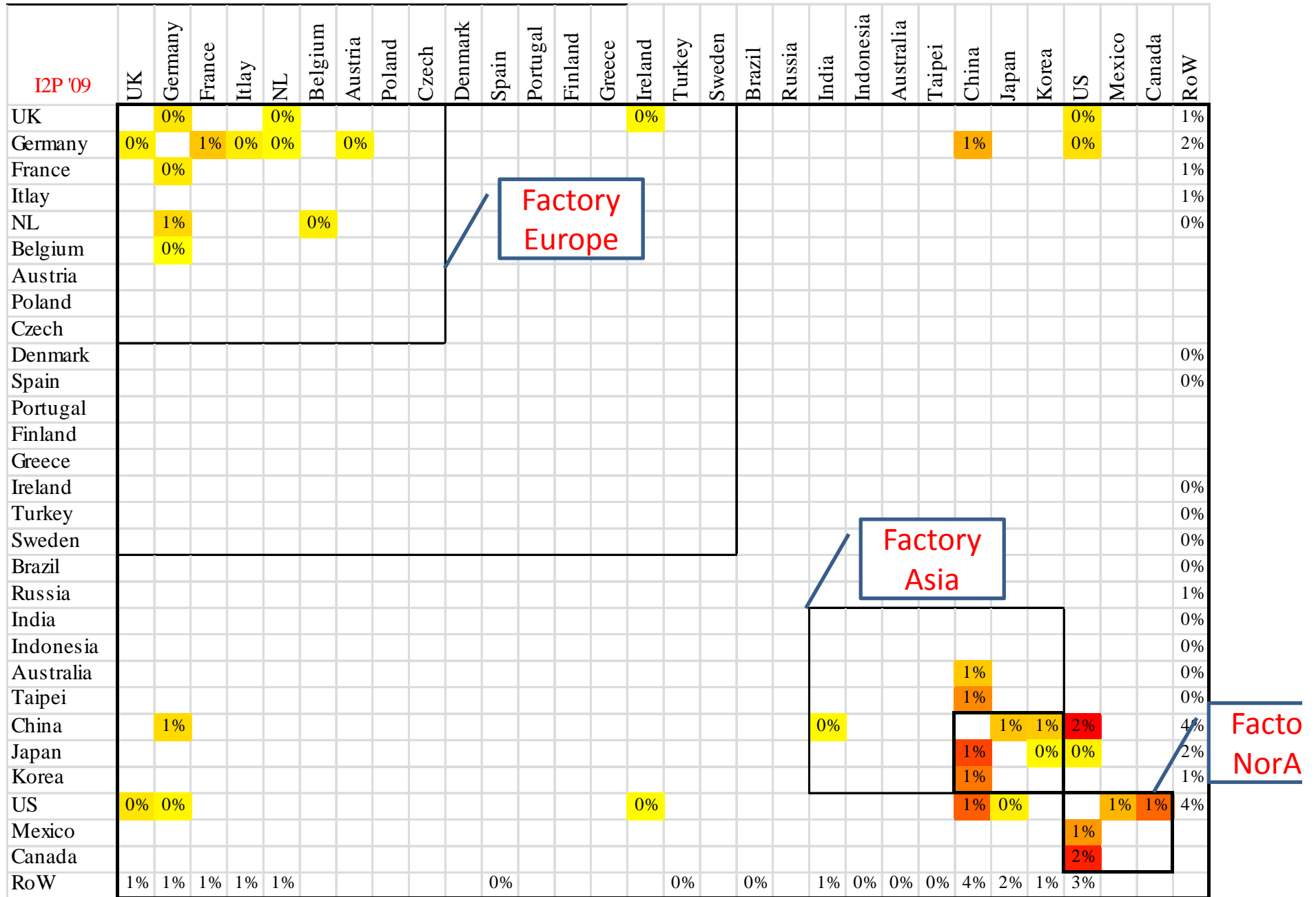
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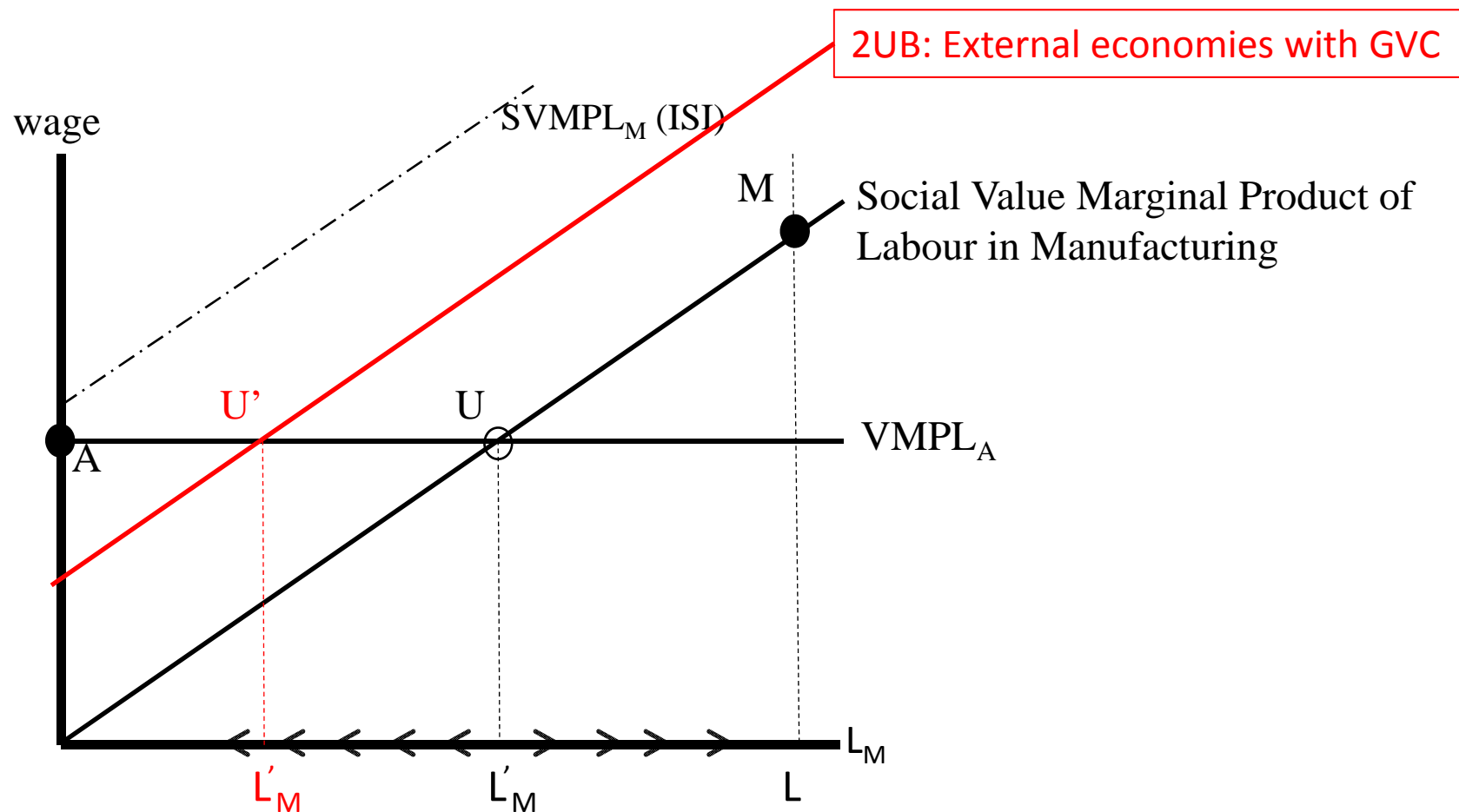
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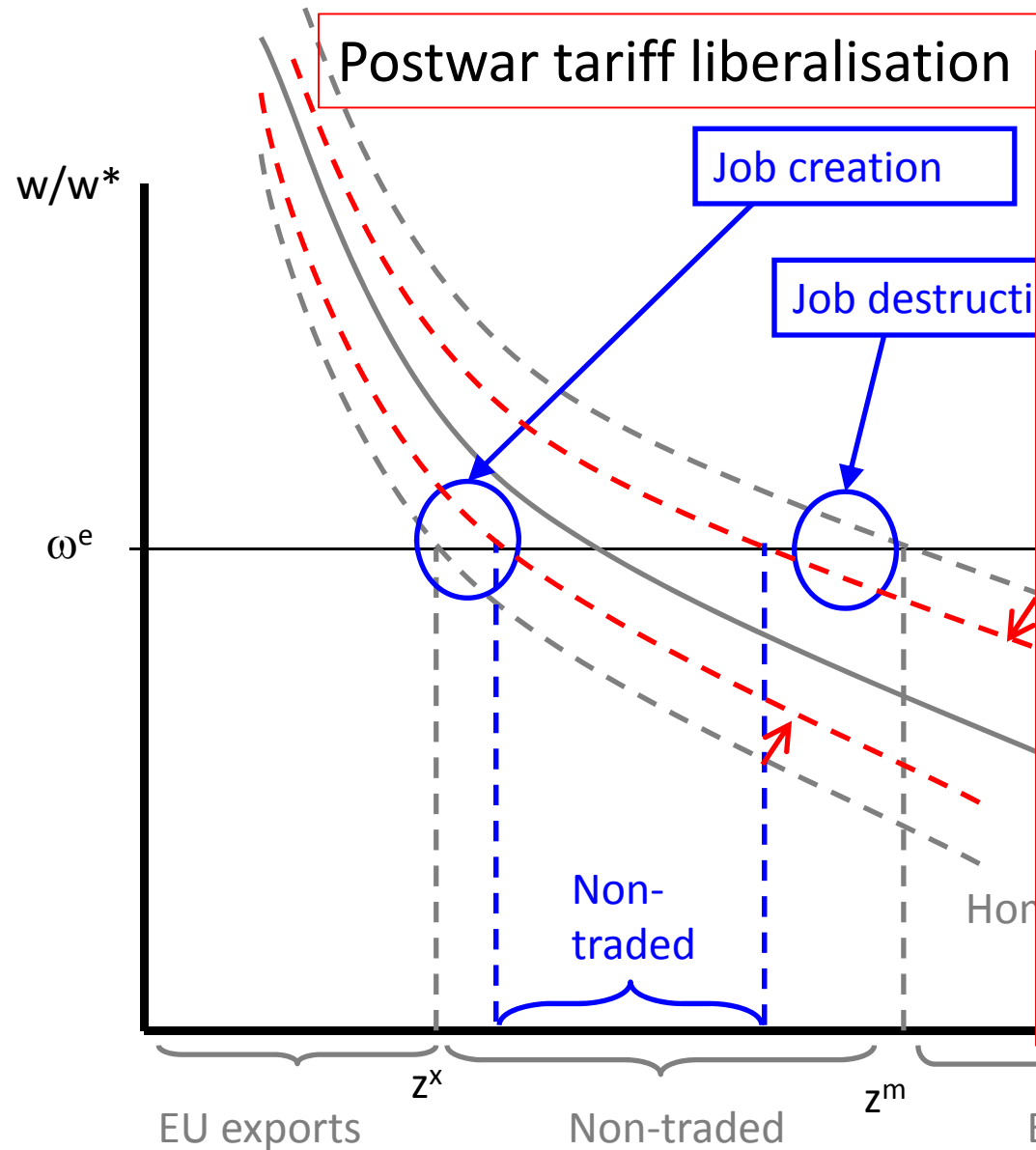
# I2P trade: Bilateral intermediate imports as % of global flows, 2009



# 2<sup>nd</sup> unbundling: Industrialisation easier, but less meaningful



# 1UB



## Globalisation's impact is:

### 1. Slow & controlled.

- Mainly tariff liberalisation

### 2. Predictable.

- 'Sunset' sectors like those already lost.
- 'Sunrise' sectors like those already exporting.

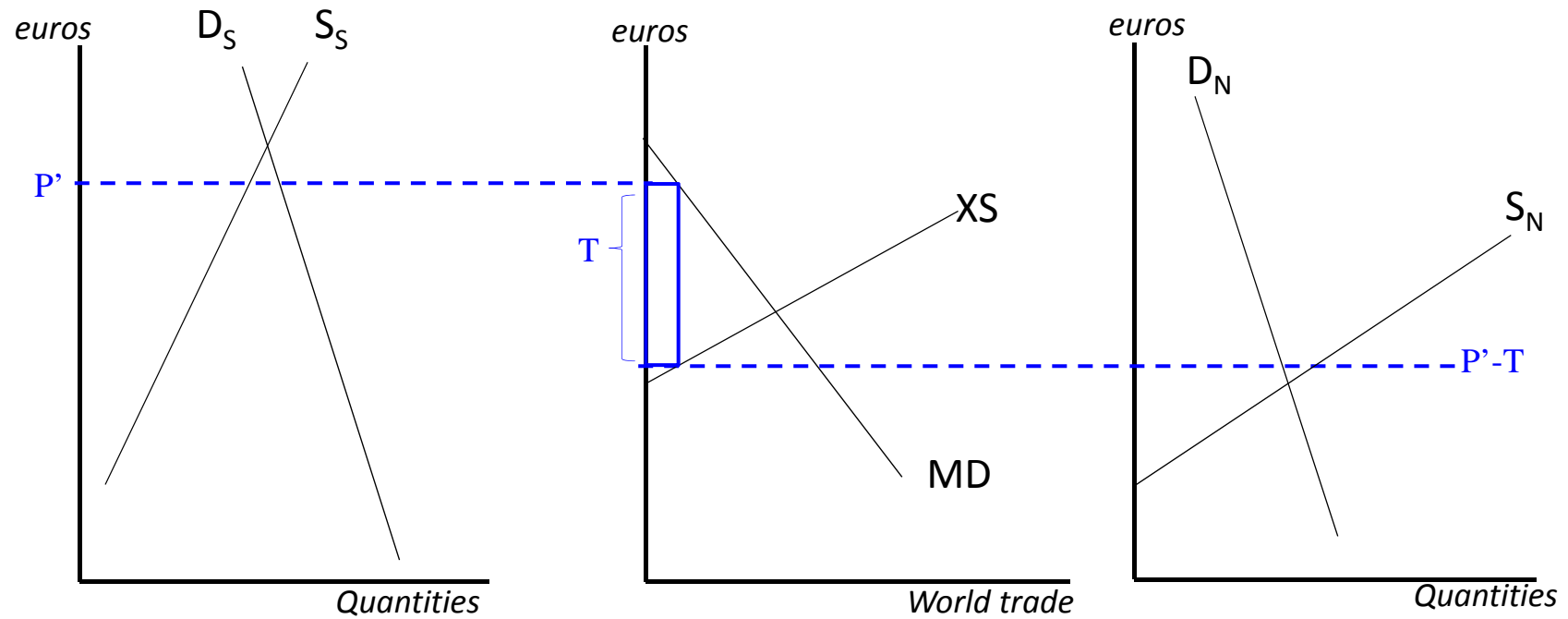
### 3. Globalisation's impact felt at level of sectors & skill groups.

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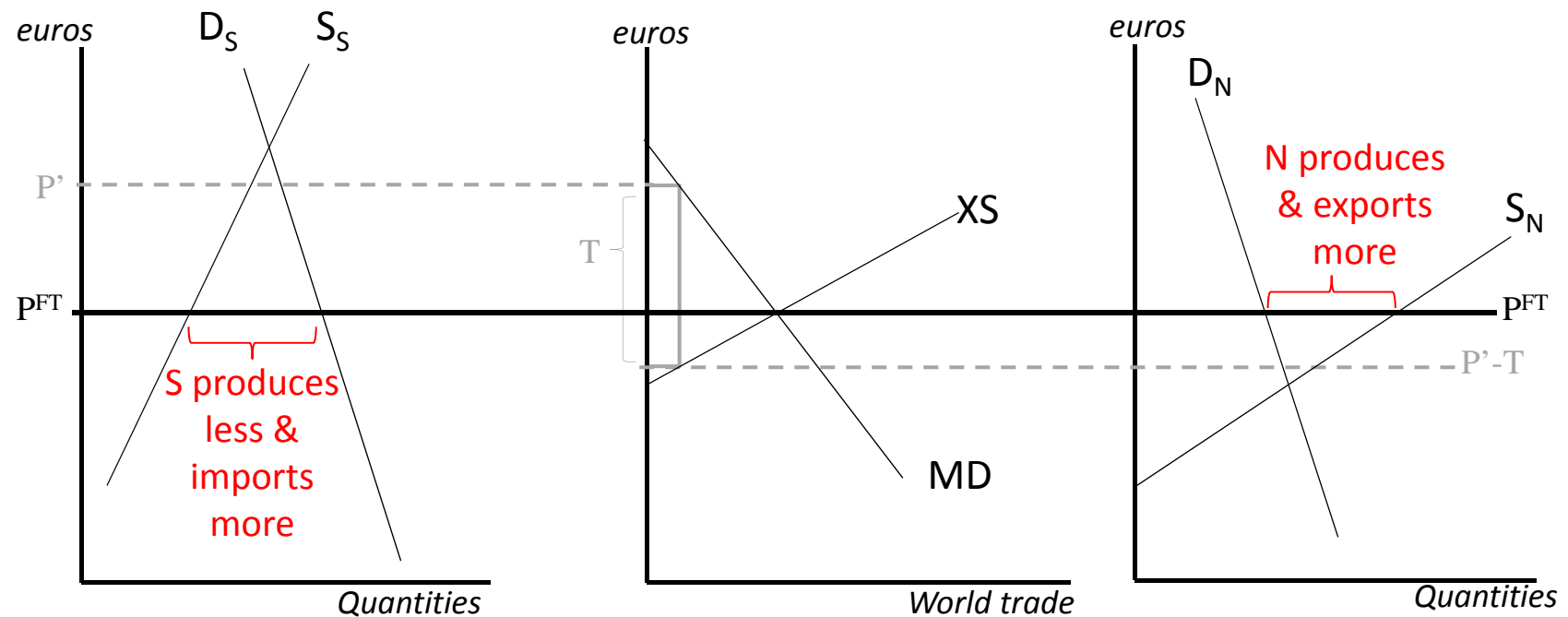
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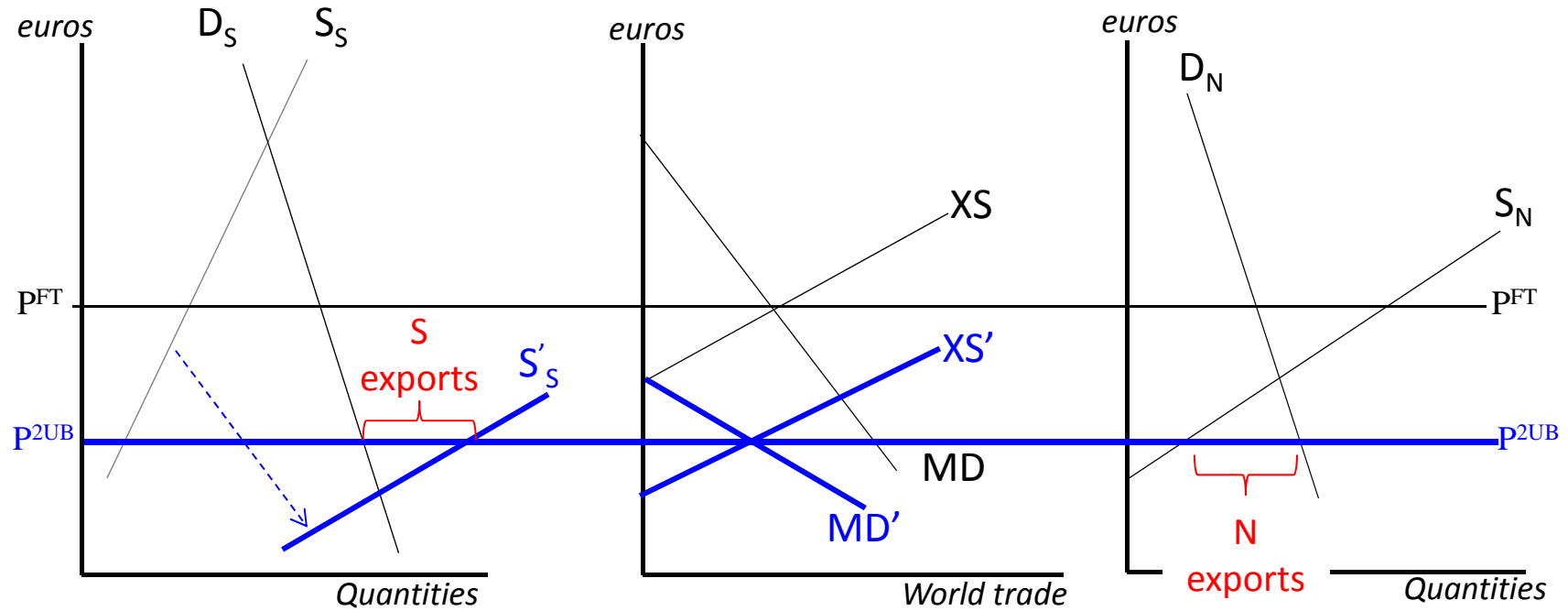


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