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maps capture data expressing the economic complexity of countries from albania to zimbabwe offering current economic measures and as well as a guide to achieving prosperity why do some countries grow and others do not the authors of the atlas of economic complexity offer readers an explanation based on economic complexity a measure of a society s productive knowledge prosperous societies are those that have the knowledge to make a larger variety of more complex products the atlas of economic complexity attempts to measure the amount of productive knowledge countries hold and how they can move to accumulate more of it by making more complex products through the graphical representation of the product space the authors are able to identify each country s adjacent possible or potential new products making it easier to find paths to economic diversification and growth in addition they argue that a country s economic complexity and its position in the product space are better predictors of economic growth than many other well known development indicators including measures of competitiveness governance finance and schooling using innovative visualizations the book locates each country in the product space provides complexity and growth potential rankings for 128 countries and offers individual country pages with detailed information about a country s current capabilities and its diversification options the maps and visualizations included in the atlas can be used to find more viable paths to greater productive knowledge and prosperity

we show that the response of firm level investment to real exchange rate movements varies depending on the production structure of the economy firms in advanced economies and in emerging asia increase investment when the domestic currency weakens in line with the traditional mundell fleming model however in other emerging market and developing economies as well as some advanced economies with a low degree of structural economic complexity corporate investment increases when the domestic currency strengthens this result is consistent with diaz alejandro 1963 in economies where capital goods are mostly imported a stronger real exchange rate reduces investment costs for domestic firms

the routledge international handbook of complexity economics covers the historical developments and early concerns of complexity theorists and brings them into engagement with the world today in this volume a distinguished group of international scholars explore the state of the art of complexity economics and how it may

deliver new and relevant insights to the challenges of the 21st century complexity science started in 1899 when henri poincaré described the three body problem the first approaches in economics emerged somewhat later in the 1980s driven by the brussels austin school since then complexity economics has gone through numerous developments departing from linear simplifications applying physical algorithms to evolutionary economics and big data this book covers the basic principles and methods and offers an overview of the various domains ranging from diverse fields of productivity studies agricultural economics to monetary economics as well as the current challenges such as climate change epidemics and economic inequality where complexity economics can provide insight it closes with a review of complexity political economy and policy offering a vibrant alternative to orthodox economics this handbook is a crucial resource for advanced students researchers and economists across the disciplines of heterodox economics economic theory and econophysics

this book offers various insights on current hot topics in development economics the authors address the questions of gender effects leapfrogging the factors determining the production frontiers of countries and the respective roles of financial monetary and fiscal policies in fostering the development of countries they also question one of the strategies utilized by policy makers in poor countries development through trade and financial globalization they ask whether education has really been a factor in development and look at the role of those who return to the country after studying abroad this book is the result of a collaboration between researchers from asia africa and europe it will be useful to economists and non economists working in academia including postgraduate students as well as professionals working in development institutions and public institutions responsible for strategic planning in developing and emerging countries

this comprehensive and innovative handbook applies the tools of the economics of complexity to analyse the causes and effects of technological and structural change it grafts the intuitions of the economics of complexity into the tradition of analysis based upon the schumpeterian and marshallian legacies the handbook elaborates the notion of innovation as an emerging property of the organized complexity of an economic system and provides the basic tools to understand the recursive dynamics between the emergence of innovation and the unfolding of organized complexity in so doing it highlights the role of organizational thinking in explaining the introduction of innovations

and the dynamics of structural change with a new methodological approach to the economics of technological change this wide ranging volume will become the standard reference for postgraduates academics and practitioners in the fields of evolutionary economics complexity economics and the economics of innovation

preface over the past two centuries mankind has accomplished what used to be unthinkable when we look back at our long list of achievements it is easy to focus on the most audacious of them such as our conquest of the skies and the moon our lives however have been made easier and more prosperous by a large number of more modest yet crucially important feats think of electric bulbs telephones cars personal computers antibiotics tvs refrigerators watches and water heaters think of the many innovations that benefit us despite our minimal awareness of them such as advances in port management electric power distribution agrochemicals and water purification this progress was possible because we got smarter during the past two centuries the amount of productive knowledge we hold expanded dramatically this was not however an individual phenomenon it was a collective phenomenon as individuals we are not much more capable than our ancestors but as societies we have developed the ability to make all that we have mentioned and much much more modern societies can amass large amounts of productive knowledge because they distribute bits and pieces of it among its many members but to make use of it this knowledge has to be put back together through organizations and markets thus individual specialization begets diversity at the national and global level our most prosperous modern societies are wiser not because their citizens are individually brilliant but because these societies hold a diversity of knowhow and because they are able to recombine it to create a larger variety of smarter and better products the social accumulation of productive knowledge has not been a universal phenomenon it has taken place in some parts of the world but not in others where it has happened it has underpinned an incredible increase in living standards where it has not living standards resemble those of centuries past the enormous income gaps between rich and poor nations are an expression of the vast differences in productive knowledge amassed by different nations these differences are expressed in the diversity and sophistication of the things that each of them makes which we explore in detail in this atlas just as nations differ in the amount of productive knowledge they hold so do products the amount of knowledge that is required to make a product can vary enormously from one good to the next most modern products require more knowledge than what a single person can hold nobody in this world not even the saviest geek nor the most knowledgeable entrepreneur knows how to make a computer he has to rely on others who know about battery technology liquid crystals microprocessor design software development metallurgy milling lean manufacturing and human resource management among many other skills that is why the average worker in a rich country works in a firm that is much larger and more connected than firms in poor countries for a society to operate at a high level of total productive knowledge individuals must know different things diversity of productive knowledge however is not enough in order to put knowledge into productive use societies need to reassemble these distributed bits through teams organizations and markets accumulating productive knowledge is difficult for the most part it is not available in books or on the internet it is embedded in brains and human networks it is tacit and hard to transmit and acquire it comes from years of experience more than from years of schooling productive knowledge therefore cannot be learned easily like a song or a poem it requires structural changes just like learning a language requires changes in the structure of the brain developing a new industry requires changes in the patterns of interaction inside an organization or society expanding the amount of productive knowledge available in a country involves enlarging the set of activities that the country is able to do this process however is tricky industries cannot exist if the requisite productive knowledge is absent yet accumulating bits of productive knowledge will make little sense in places where the industries that require it are not present this chicken and egg problem slows down the accumulation of productive knowledge it also creates important path dependencies it is easier for countries to move into industries that mostly reuse what they already know since these industries require adding modest amounts of productive knowledge by gradually adding new knowledge to what they already know countries economize on the chicken and egg problem that is why we find empirically that countries move from the products that they already create to others that are close by in terms of the productive knowledge that they require the atlas of economic complexity attempts to measure the amount of productive knowledge that each country holds our measure of productive knowledge can account for the enormous income differences between the nations of the world and has the capacity to predict the rate at which countries will grow in fact it is much more predictive than other well known development indicators such as those that attempt to measure competitiveness governance and education a central contribution of this atlas is the creation of a map that captures the similarity of products in terms of their knowledge requirements this map provides paths through which productive knowledge is more easily accumulated we call this map or network the product space and use it to locate each country illustrating their current productive capabilities and the products that lie nearby ultimately this atlas views economic development as a social learning process but one that is rife with pitfalls and dangers countries accumulate productive knowledge by developing the capacity to make a larger variety of products of increasing complexity this process involves trial and error it is a risky journey in search of the possible entrepreneurs investors and policymakers play a fundamental role in this economic exploration by providing rankings we wish to clarify the scope of the achievable as revealed by the experience of others by tracking progress we offer feedback regarding current trends by providing maps we do not pretend to tell potential explorers where to go but to pinpoint what is out there and what routes may be shorter or more secure we hope this will empower these explorers with valuable information that will encourage them to take on the challenge and thus speed up the process of economic development

this book combines the human development approach and innovation economics in order to explore the effects that structural economic change has on human development while economic diversification can provide valuable new social choices and capabilities it also tends to lead to more complex decision processes and changes to the set of capabilities required by people to self determine their future within this process of structural transformation social networks are crucial for accessing information and social support but networks can also be a root cause of exclusion and inequality reproduction this implies the need to encourage innovation and economic diversification beyond production expansion focusing on the promotion of human agency and social inclusion this book provides such a modern perspective on development economics emphasizing the role of social networks economic diversity and entrepreneurship for social welfare the author discusses how innovation social networks economic dynamics and human development are interlinked and provides several practical examples of social and micro entrepreneurship in contexts as diverse as peruvian rural villages and brazil's urban areas the interdisciplinary perspective put forward in this book illustrates theoretical and methodological methods of exploring the complexity of development in a practical and relevant way it also provides useful information about structural factors which need to be considered by practitioners when designing pro poor growth policies furthermore the coverage of the core concepts of innovation networks and development economics enriched with multiple examples makes it a valuable resource for scholars and advanced students of modern development economics

the purpose of this contributed volume is to consider how global consumption patterns will develop in the next few decades and what the consequences of that development will be for the economy policymakers and society at large in the long run the extent to which economic growth translates into better living conditions strongly depends on how rising affluence and new technologies shape consumer preferences the ongoing rise in household income in developing countries raises some important questions will consumption patterns always continue to expand in the same manner as we have witnessed in the previous two centuries if not how might things evolve differently and what implications would such changes hold for not only our understanding of consumption behavior but also our pursuit of more sustainable societies

dedicated to the goal of furthering evolutionary economic analysis this book provides a coherent scientific approach to deal with the real world of continual change in the economic system expansive in its scope this book ranges from abstract discussions of ontology analysis and theory to more practical discussions on how we can operationalize notions such as capabilities from what we understand as knowledge simulation techniques and empirical case studies are also used sharpening the focus of the relationship between economic evolution and economic complexity the book will be of great interest to academics students and researchers of evolutionary economics

the book is motivated by the disruptions introduced by the financial crisis and the many attempts that have followed to propose new ideas and remedies assembling contributions by authors from a variety of backgrounds this collection illustrates the potentials resulting from the marriage of financial economics complexity theory and an out of equilibrium view of the economic world challenging the traditional hypotheses that lie behind financial market functioning new evidence is provided about the hidden factors fuelling bubbles the impact of agents heterogeneity the importance of endogeneity in the information transmission mechanism the dynamics of herding the sources of volatility the portfolio optimization techniques the financial innovation and the trend identification in a nonlinear time series framework presenting the advances made in financial market analysis and putting emphasis on nonlinear dynamics this book suggests interdisciplinary methodologies for the study of well known stylised facts and financial abnormalities this book was originally published as a special issue of the european journal of finance ethodologies for the study of well known stylised facts and financial abnormalities this book was originally published

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analysis of properties of the global trade network has generated new insights into the patterns of economic development across countries the economic complexity index eci in particular has been successful at explaining cross country differences in gdp capita and economic growth the eci aims to infer information about countries productive capabilities by making relative comparisons across countries export baskets however there has been some confusion about how the eci works previous studies compared the eci to the number of exports that a country has revealed comparative advantage in diversity and to eigenvector centrality we show that the eci is in fact equivalent to a spectral clustering algorithm which partitions a similarity graph into two parts when applied to country export data the eci represents a ranking of countries that places countries with similar exports close together in the ordering more generally the eci is a dimension reduction tool which gives the optimal one dimensional ordering that minimizes the distance between nodes in a similarity graph we discuss this new interpretation of the eci with reference to the economic development literature finally we illustrate stark differences between the eci and diversity with two empirical examples based on regional data

peter albin is known for his seminal work in applying the concepts of adaptive dynamical systems first developed by biologists and physicists to the study of economic systems this book is a collection of his pathbreaking articles on the application of cellular automata and complexity theory to economic problems duncan foley provides a thoughtful introduction in which he reviews the disparate analytical sources of albin s work in the theories of nonlinear dynamical systems economic dynamics cellular automata linguistic and computational complexity and bounded rationality albin has analyzed economic systems as interactions of highly complex components i e intelligent human beings he uses the theories of generative linguistics and cellular automata to establish that the complexity level of economic systems is in principle at least that of a turing machine or general purpose computer establishing that classic economic approaches to the problems of household and firm choice macroeconomic prediction and policy evaluation may give rise to undecidable propositions and uncomputable functions he develops simple models of dynamic economic interaction based on cellular automata which illustrate the inherent complexity of economic interactions and the resulting challenge they pose to traditional theories of rational economic behavior these models

explore the dynamics of the business cycle decentralized market trading and the emergence of cooperation in a novel local interaction version of the repeated prisoners dilemma game albin s work provides a unique and important perspective on economic systems

abbott offers a fruitful new way to read science fiction one that also greatly enriches our understanding of western history and its impact on our collective imagination detailing the overlap of science fiction and western fiction especially relating to their mutual interest in and concerns about frontier expansionism he reveals an unsuspected common ground that informs the writings of both camps reviewing the work of many hugo and nebula award winners as well as drawing upon popular film and television series like the buck rogers serials abbott s study journeys across the far reaches of science fiction s universe

the contents of this volume comprise the proceedings of the international symposia in economic theory and econometrics conference held in 1987 at the ic t2 innovation creativity and capital institute at the university of texas at austin the essays present fundamental new research on the analysis of complicated outcomes in relatively simple macroeconomic models the book covers econometric modelling and time series analysis techniques in five parts part i focuses on sunspot equilibria the study of uncertainty generated by nonstochastic economic models part ii examines the more traditional examples of deterministic chaos bubbles instability and hyperinflation part iii contains the most current literature dealing with empirical tests for chaos and strange attractors part iv deals with chaos and informational complexity part v nonlinear econometric modelling includes tests for and applications of nonlinearity

this book presents a survey of the aspects of economic complexity with a focus on foundational interdisciplinary ideas the long awaited follow up to his 2011 volume complex evolutionary dynamics in urban regional and ecologic economic systems from catastrophe to chaos and beyond this volume draws together the threads of rosser's earlier work on complexity theory and its wide applications in economics and an expanded list of related disciplines the book begins with a full account of the broader categories of complexity in economics dynamic computational hierarchical and structural before shifting to more detailed analysis the next two chapters address problems associated with computational complexity especially those of computability and discuss the godel incompleteness theorem with a focus on reflexivity the middle chapters discuss the relationship between entropy econophysics

evolution and economic complexity respectively with applications in urban and regional dynamics ecological economics general equilibrium theory as well as financial market dynamics the final chapter works to bring together these themes into a broader framework and expose some of the limits concerning analysis of deeper foundational issues with applications in all disciplines characterized by interconnected nonlinear adaptive systems this book is appropriate for graduate students professors and practitioners in economics and related disciplines such as regional science mathematics physics biology environmental sciences philosophy and psychology

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