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Features of regional trade and GVCs in Asia-Pacific region

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Motivation

Developing countries are not equally able to tap these new opportunities arising from GVCs. Especially, low income countries including LDCs are often lagging behind.

A combination of natural and "man-made" factors determine the opportunity of a country to engage in GVC activities. The "man-made" factors are where policies could play a role in enabling the GVC engagement of a country.

How policies could play a role to enhance GVC-related exports of Asia-Pacific economies, taking into account the diversity of economies in the region?

Objective

The study attempts to address following issues:

- Understanding the features of trade by Asia-Pacific economies.
- How policy factors influence GVC-related exports of final and intermediate products by Asia-Pacific countries?
- How exports from of different income groups respond to those policy factors?
- those policy factors perform differently for GVC exports by?

Scope

- Global and regional trade related to GVCs by Asia-Pacific countries of different income groups
 - High income
 - Upper-middle income
 - Lower-middle income
 - Low income
- Using Sturgeon and Memodevic (2010)'s classification in combination with the United Nations' Broad Economic Categories (BEC), GVC-related trade in final and intermediate goods from 1995 to 2013 are identified in the following sectors
 - Apparel and footwear
 - Automotive
 - Electronics
 - Processed Agriculture
 - Primary agriculture

Focus

- Policy-related conditions:
 - Trade-policy conditions
 - Tariffs and non-tariff measures
 - RTA
 - Environments for doing business
 - Soft-infrastructure (ICT) for connectivity
 - Hard-infrastructure (port and shipping) for connectivity
 - Business facilitation

EMPIRICAL FINDINGS

Trade-policy conditions

Tariffs, non-tariff measures, RTA

AP exports to all countries

	Asia-Pacific	exporters: fi	nal goods	Asia-Pacific exporters: intermediate goods					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	
VARIABLES	ij	i/j	i	j	ij	i/j	i	j	
In_tariffij	-1.933***	-1.929***	-1.722***	-1.994***	-3.991***	-3.982***	-3.776***	-4.061***	
	[-7.186]	[-7.154]	[-7.033]	[-7.434]	[-11.57]	[-11.54]	[-12.13]	[-11.84]	
In_tariffji	-1.142***	-1.141***	-1.430***	-1.175***	-1.862***	-1.872***	-2.068***	-1.913***	
	[-3.178]	[-3.176]	[-4.093]	[-3.781]	[-3.308]	[-3.320]	[-3.903]	[-3.492]	
rta	0.560***	0.558***	0.737***	0.621***	0.513***	0.513***	0.665***	0.563***	
	[5.071]	[5.041]	[6.194]	[5.735]	[4.307]	[4.303]	[5.398]	[4.888]	
NTM_num_ij	-0.00155**	-0.00151**	-0.00137**	-0.00174**	-0.00367***	-0.00363***	-0.00383***	-0.00379***	
	[-2.199]	[-2.135]	[-2.124]	[-2.494]	[-4.031]	[-3.986]	[-4.551]	[-4.205]	
NTM_num_ji	-0.00132**	-0.00131**	-0.00152***	-0.00145**	4.29e-05	1.59e-07	-0.00111*	-4.05e-05	
	[-2.234]	[-2.207]	[-2.730]	[-2.547]	[0.0616]	[0.000226]	[-1.659]	[-0.0599]	

AP intraregional exports

	Asia-Pacific	Asia-Pacific exporters/importers: final goods				Asia-Pacific exporters/importers: intermediate goods				
	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)		
VARIABLES	ij	i/j	i	j	ij	i/j	i	j		
In tariffij	-2.223***	-2.211***	-1.595***	-2.344***	-4.895***	-4.899***	-4.755***	-5.054***		

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