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Rethinking Growth Regimes: Transnational Skill Strategies in Advanced and Emerging Economies

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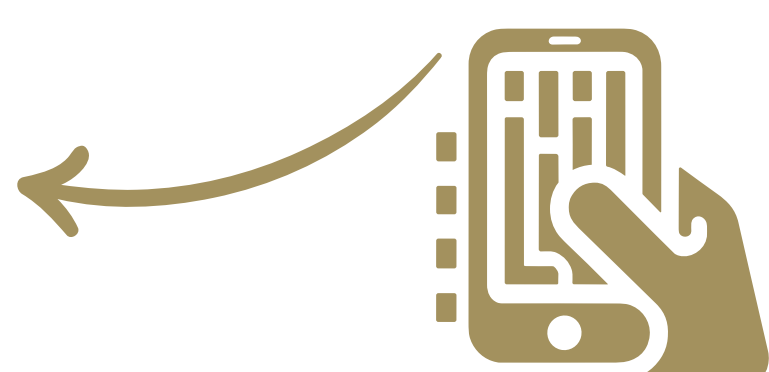
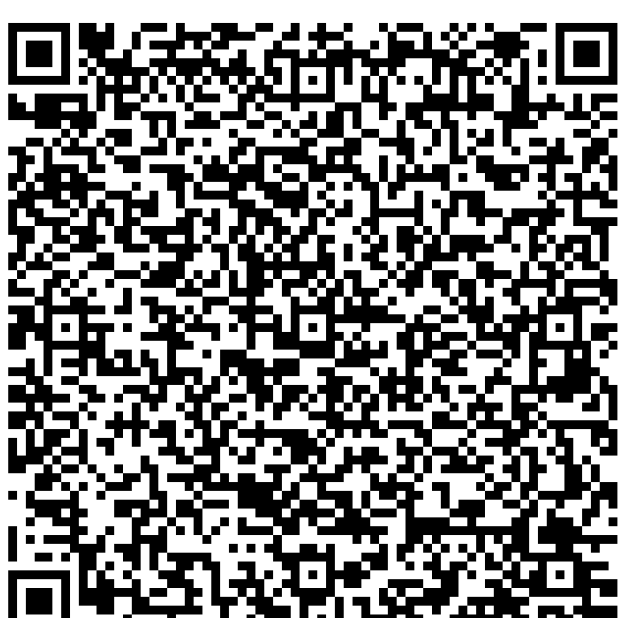
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This talk rethinks how skills drive economic growth in the 21st century by introducing a transnational perspective to the study of growth regimes. It argues that skill formation has increasingly become a cross-border process embedded in global value chains, migration systems, and international policy transfers in education. Using Germany as a least-likely case, the analysis shows how export-led economies externalise vocational education and labour supply strategies to sustain competitiveness. It then extends growth regime analysis to emerging economies through the case of Kosovo, revealing a novel remittances-based domestic demand-led growth model supported by transnational skill formation and transnational social welfare. Together, these findings demonstrate how interconnected education, migration, and employment systems give rise to transnational skill ecosystems that underpin the growth trajectories of both advanced and emerging economies. The talk concludes by calling for a move beyond methodological nationalism to better understand the transnational foundations of contemporary capitalism.

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