

2.1. Beyond Value Capture – Exploring Innovation Gains from Global Networks

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1. We need case studies and econometric research on the distribution of innovation gains from trade agreements among countries at different stages of development.
2. How does a firm's position in GNs affect its ability and scope of innovation? And how does a firm's innovation capacity shape its position in these networks?
3. What policies might be best suited to upgrade a country's position in GNs, in which combination and in which order?
4. Are stronger and more harmonized IPR regulations necessary for the growth of GNs?
5. What is the impact of "standard-essential patents" (SEPs) for the distribution of innovation gains within GNs?
6. How important and feasible is effective harmonization of international standards, especially for inter-operability standards and certification?
7. Are mega-regionals (such as TPP or TTIP) likely to foster knowledge diffusion and the dissemination of innovation gains from GN integration?
8. What changes in mega-regionals are needed so that GNs can become more effective as channels of knowledge diffusion, especially for smaller companies in developing countries?
9. Are opportunities for TPP members greater than for non-members to capture innovation gains from global networks?