Employment Effects of Different Development Policy Instruments:

An interdisciplinary research project on the impact of integration into international markets, technological upgrading, and labour market restructuring on the quality and quantity of employment in six developing countries: Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, Madagascar, South Africa and Vietnam.

Policy instruments are used as tools to trigger and manage change. The r4d project analyses the effect of such policies on employment relying on research in various scientific fields, such as economics, industrial relations, development studies, sociology and labour law.

The r4d project on Employment Effects of Different Development Policy Instruments is based on a Transboundary Research Partnership.

**Partners**
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Integration into international markets

Global and regional production networks are becoming more and more important. r4d systematically analyses the effects of the integration into value chains on employment quality and quantity in developing countries.

Technological upgrading

Different policy instruments can have unintended effects on innovation and employment. A challenge of r4d is to evaluate the effectiveness of government regulations, globalisation and foreign investment.

Labour market restructuring

With the increasing speed of change in production patterns, domestic regulation can facilitate the adaptation to shifts in the spatial and skill distribution of labour. The r4d team investigates the capacity of labour market policies to provide more and better jobs.

Data development

Collaborative effort between universities, research institutes and international organisations to develop new and better data for analysing and guiding policy, focusing on the generation of sustainable and high quality jobs.

Educational outreach

New insights and results are disseminated to institutions and the academic community and contribute to the development of new course material.

Policy impact and dissemination

Frequent exchange with the stakeholder community shapes a dynamic research agenda and provides guidance on policy reform.

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