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The importance of the global supply chain for the US and China

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Overview

Main findings



- Disrupting the global supply chain has serious consequences. 30% of trade in the
 US is part of the global supply chain. For China it is 40%.
- Backward participation in the global supply chain: Foreign value added in total exports is higher for China than the US.
- Forward participation in the global supply chain: 23% of US exports are used as inputs in other countries' exports.
- Foreign value added accounts for roughly 1/3 of global trade.
- Exports as a share of GDP is low in the US. Trade is much more important for other countries.
- The Chinese economy is becoming more diversified and less dependent on exports to the US.
- Chinese employment less dependent on the rest of the world than it used to be.
- Countries that have increased their participation in the global supply chain have also had stronger labor productivity growth.
- No clear relationship between global value chains and inequality.

Overview: Decomposition of production activities



Production of goods and services

Pure Domestic No border crossing Example: Hair cut

Cross border for consumption Portugal wine in exchange for England cloth

Traditional Trade

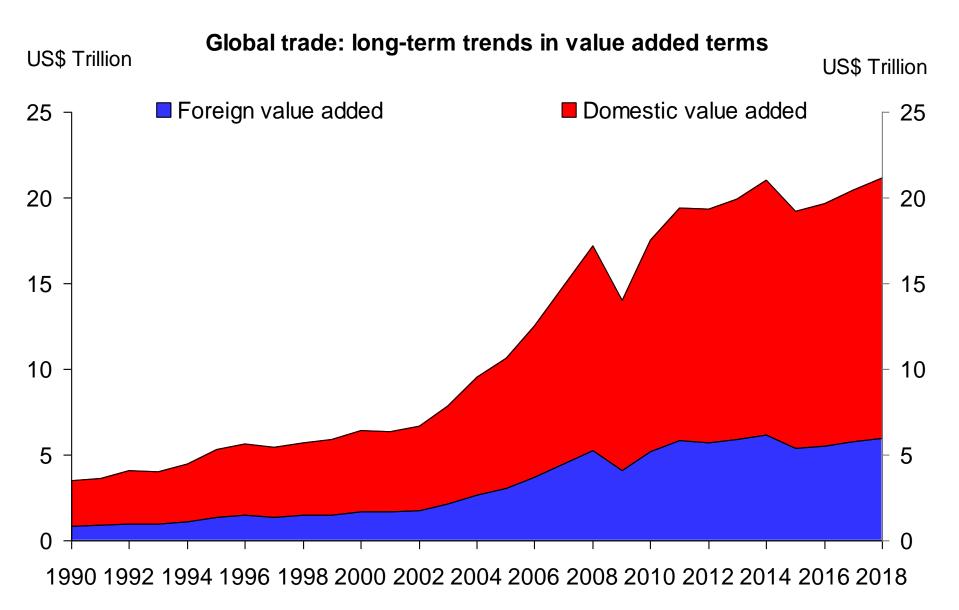
Global value chain Cross border for production Intermediate trade

Charts in this presentation quantify the importance of global supply chains for the US and China

Source: UNCTAD, OECD DB Global Research

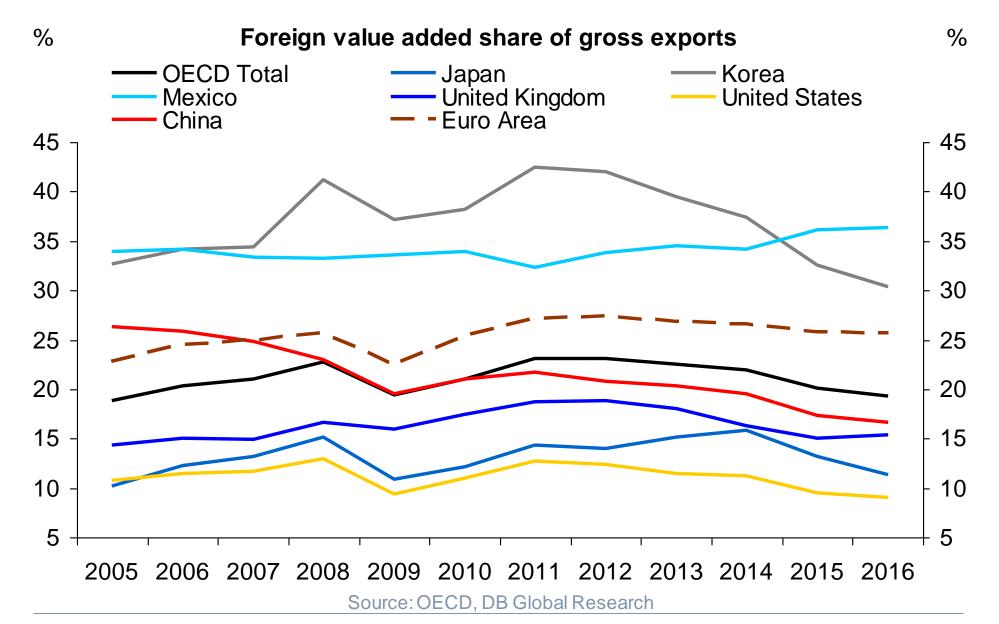
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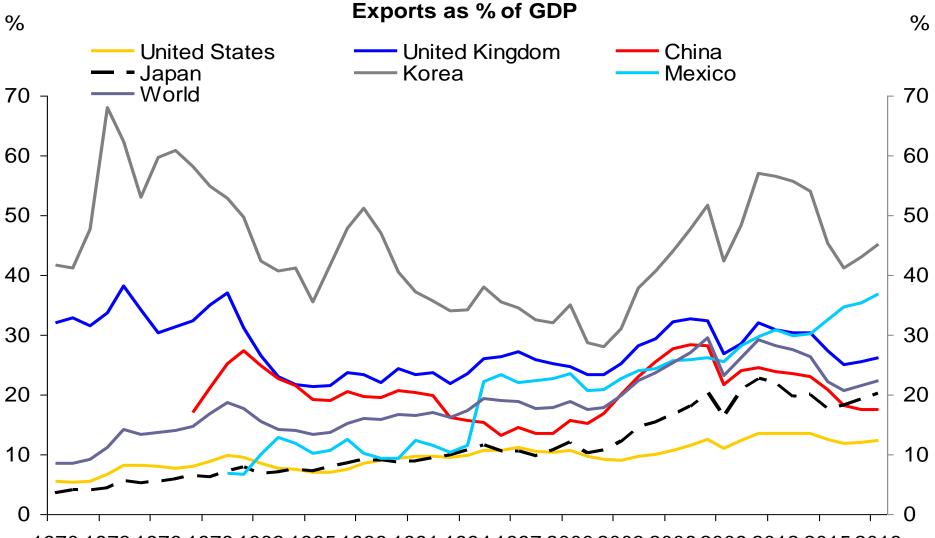
Foreign value-added as a share of exports in different countries





Exports as a share of GDP is low in the US: Trade is much more important for other countries





1970 1973 1976 1979 1982 1985 1988 1991 1994 1997 2000 2003 2006 2009 2012 2015 2018

Source: OECD, IMF, Haver Analytics, DB Global Research



Trends in global supply chains

Definition of backward and forward participation in the global supply chain





Forward participation in the global supply chain

Individual economies participate in global value chains by importing foreign inputs to produce the goods and services they export (backward participation) and also by exporting domestically produced inputs to partners in charge of downstream production stages (forward participation).

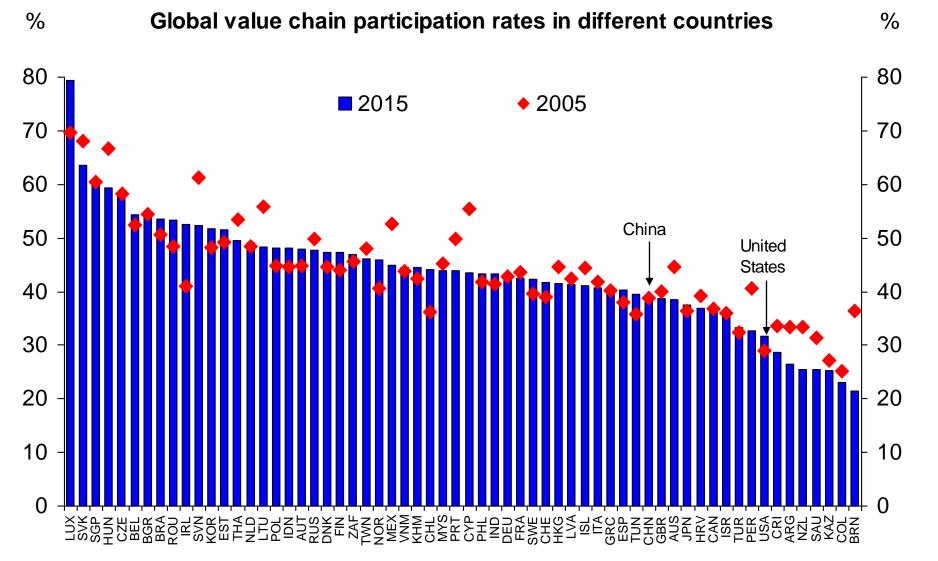
Backward participation refers to the ratio of the "Foreign value added content of exports" to the economy's total gross exports. This is the "Buyer" perspective or sourcing side in global supply chains, where an economy imports intermediates to produce its exports.

Forward participation corresponds to the ratio of the "Domestic value added sent to third economies" to the economy's total gross exports. It captures the domestic value added contained in inputs sent to third economies for further processing and export through value chains. This is the "Seller" perspective or supply side in global supply chain participation.

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Disrupting the global supply chain has serious consequences: 30% of trade in the US is part of the global supply chain. For China it is 40%





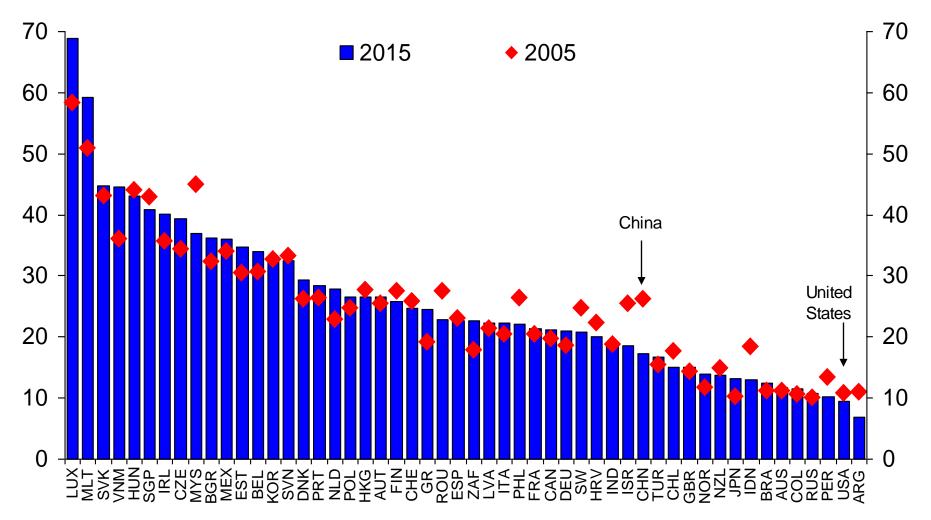
Note: Forward participation + Backward participation rate; Forward participation is defined as the ratio of the domestic value added embodied in foreign countries' exports over gross exports and Backward participation rate is defined as the share of foreign value added in country's gross exports

Backward participation in the global supply chain: Foreign value added in total exports is higher for China than the US



% Backward participation rate in global value chains

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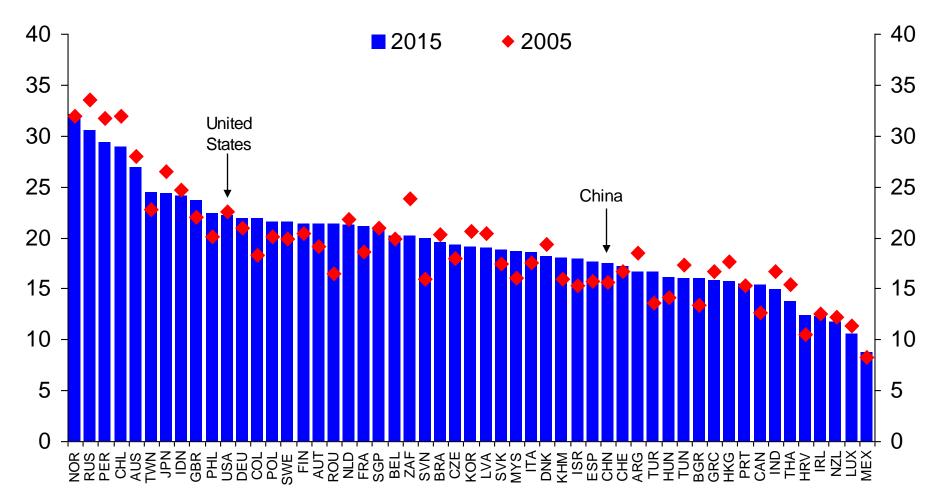
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Forward participation in the global supply chain: 22% of US exports are used as inputs in other countries' exports



% Forward participation rate in global value chains

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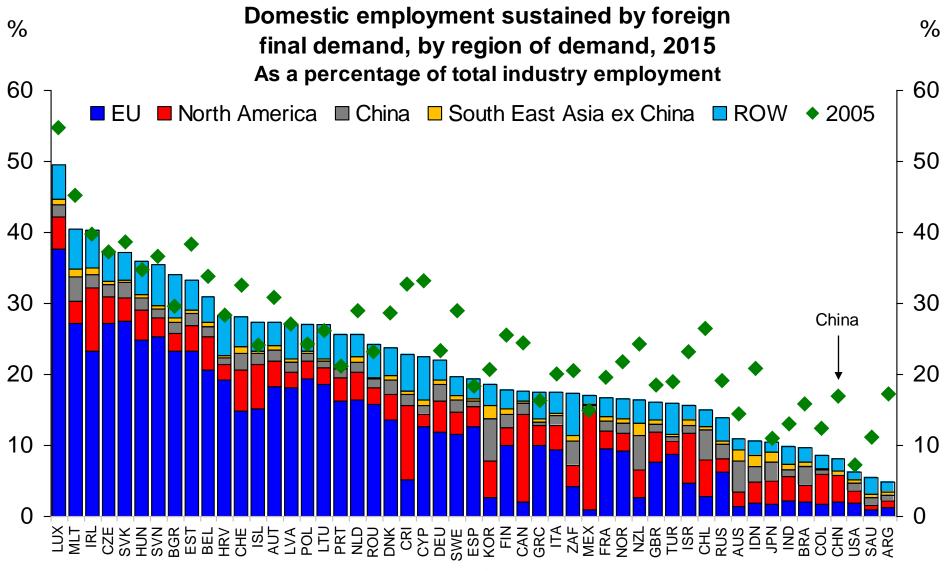
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Global supply chains and labor markets



The Chinese economy is becoming more diversified and less dependent on exports to the US

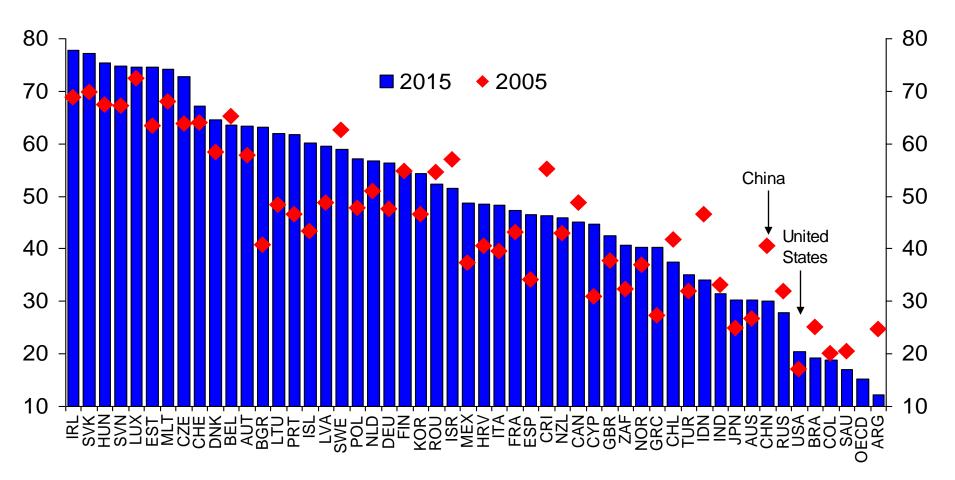


Chinese employment less dependent on the rest of the world than it used to be



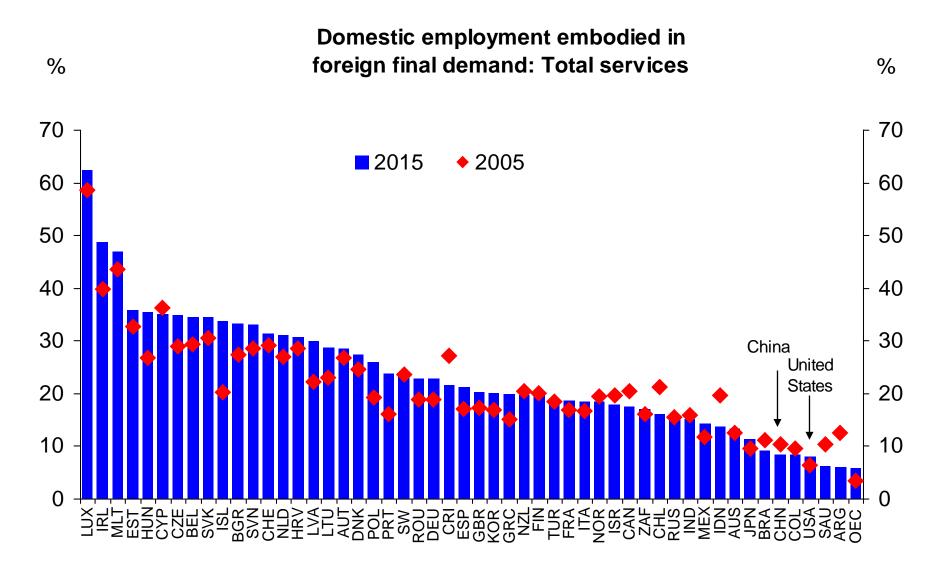
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% Domestic employment embodied in foreign final demand: Manufacturing



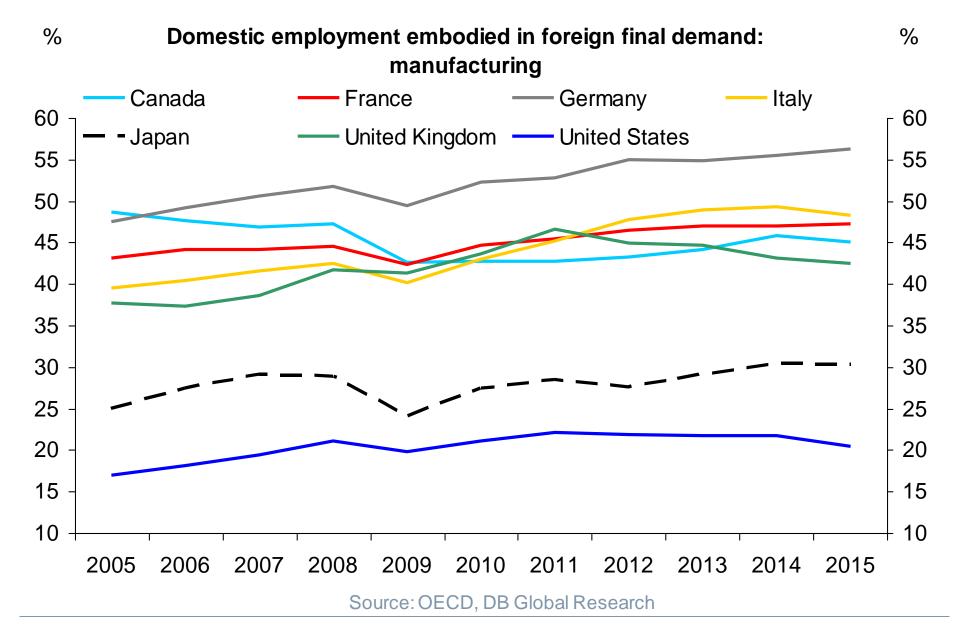
Service sectors in US and China don't depend much on foreign demand





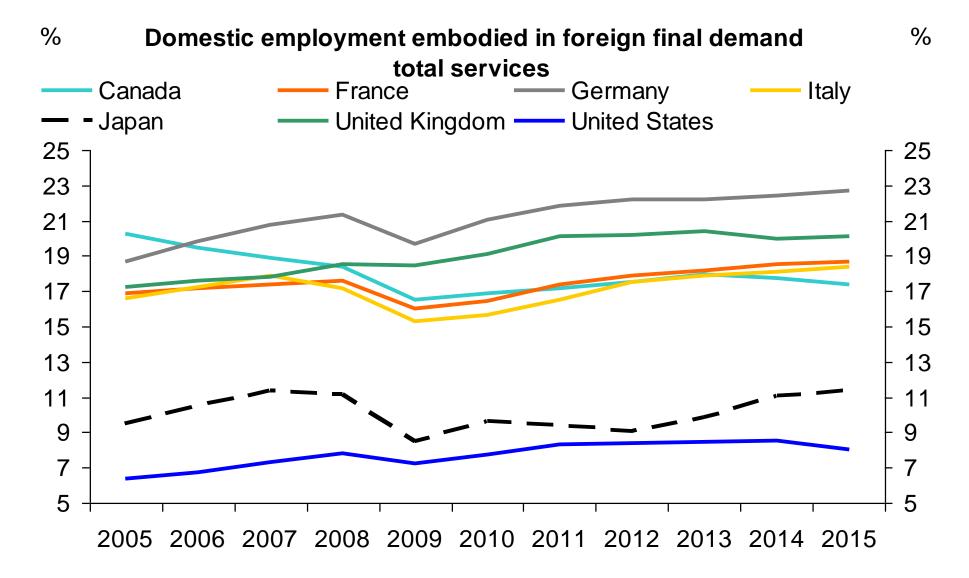


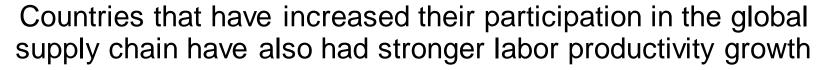






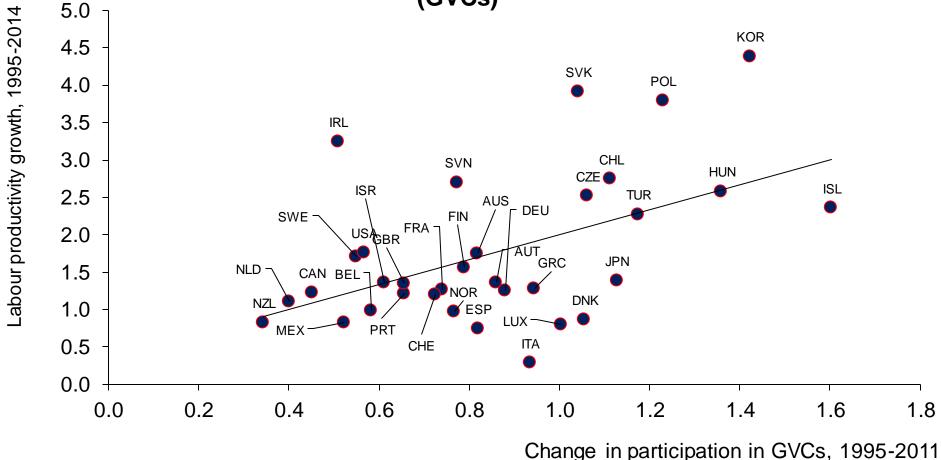
Foreign demand in not important in US service sector







Labour productivity and participation in global value chains (GVCs)

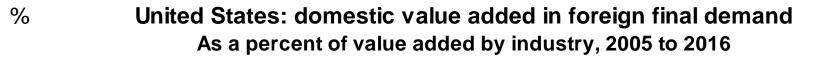




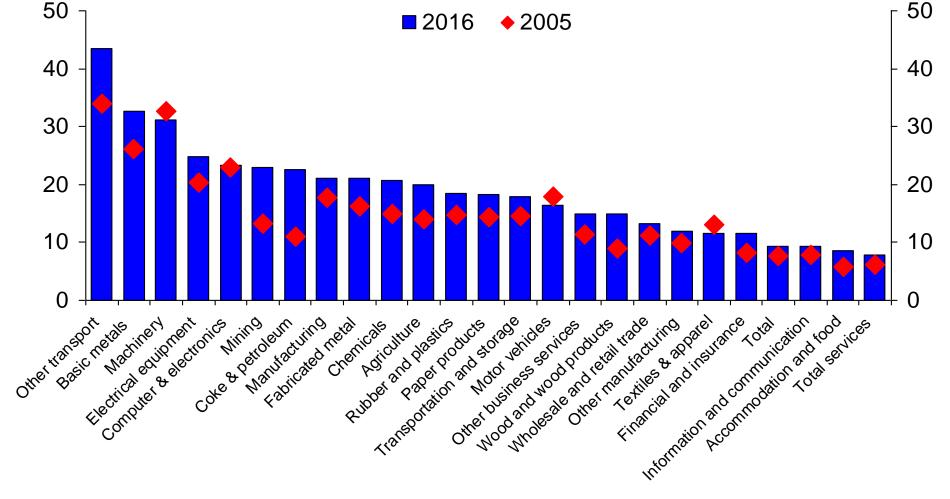
The importance of global supply chains in different industries in the United States

US: Domestic value added in foreign final demand across industries





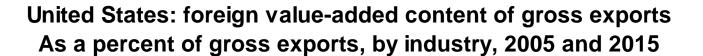
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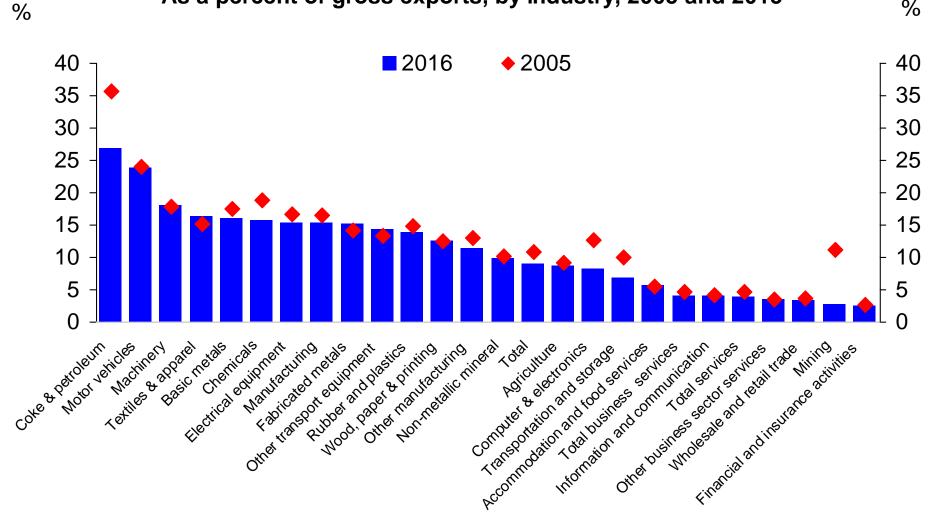


US: Industries with most foreign value-added content in their exports as a percent of total exports



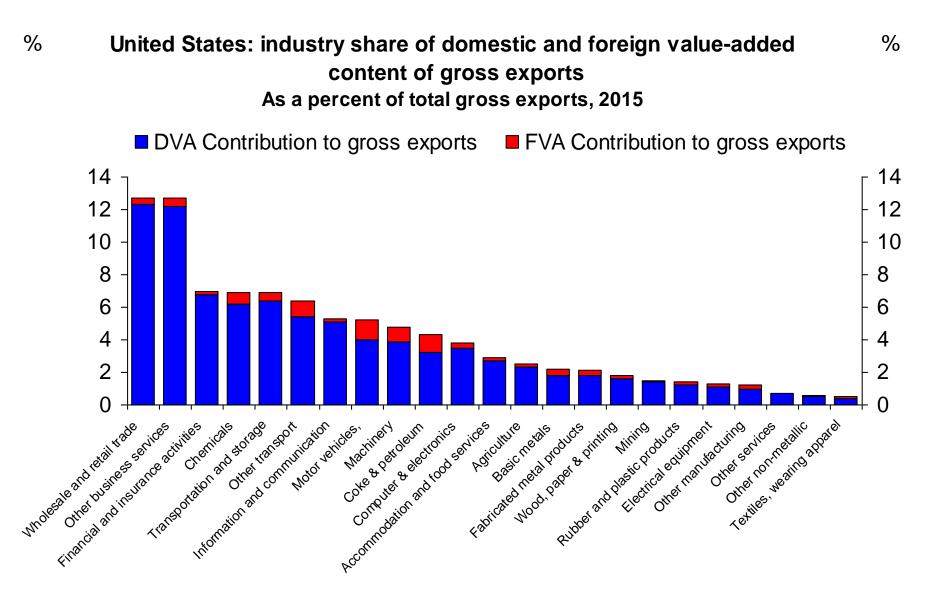
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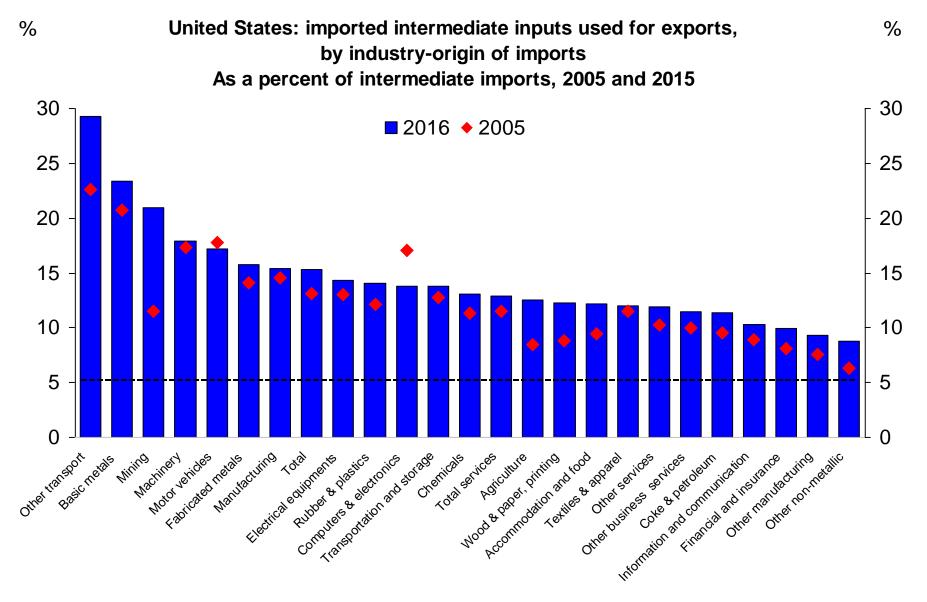
US: Share of value-added content of exports as a share of total exports by industry





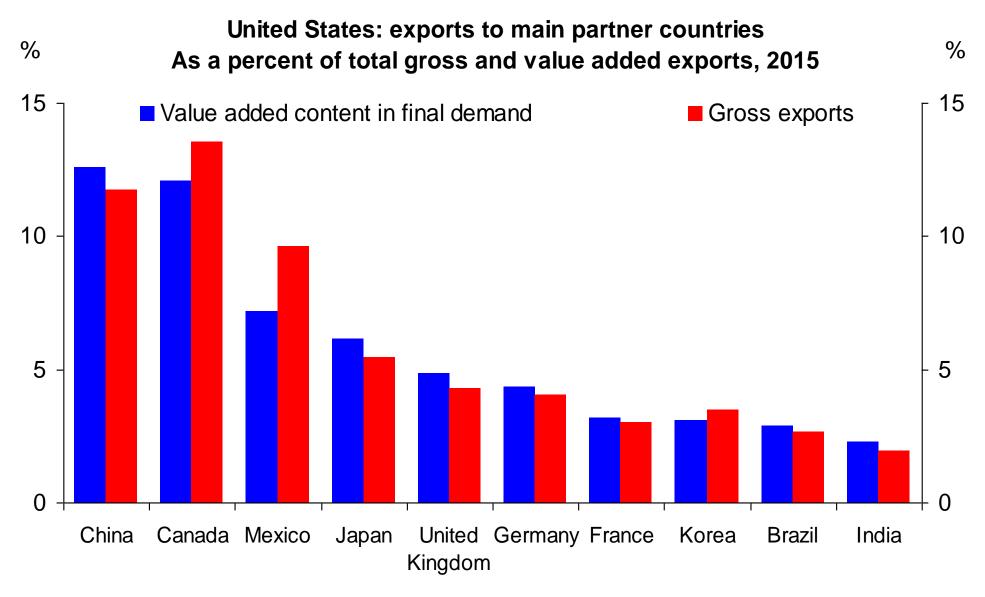
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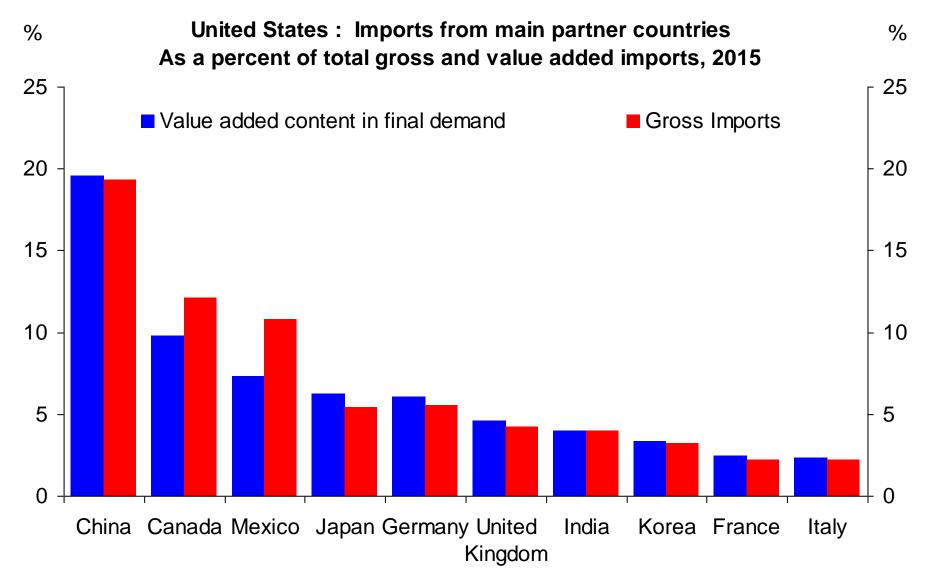
US: Exports as a percent of total exports

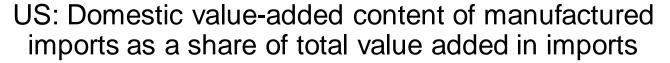




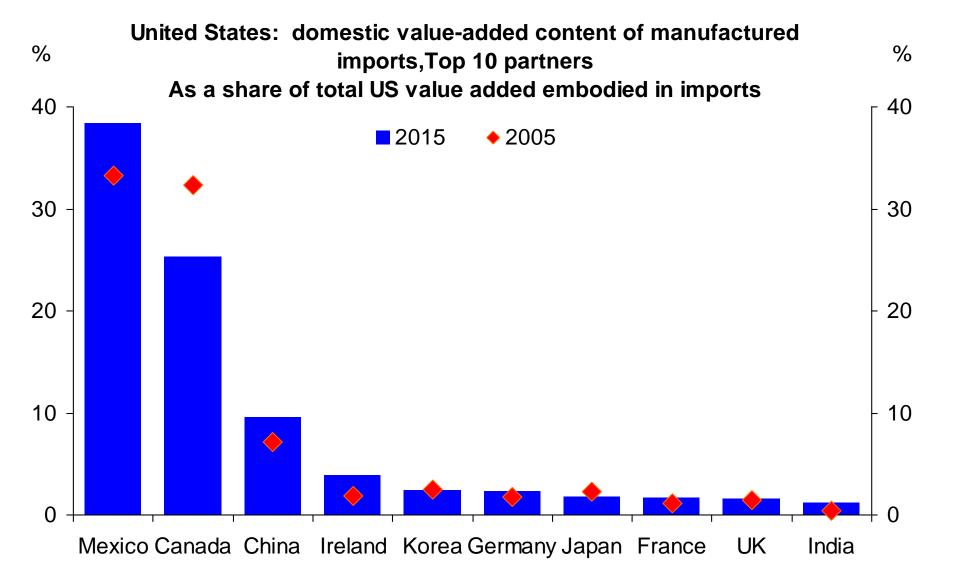
US: Imports from different countries as a percent of total imports





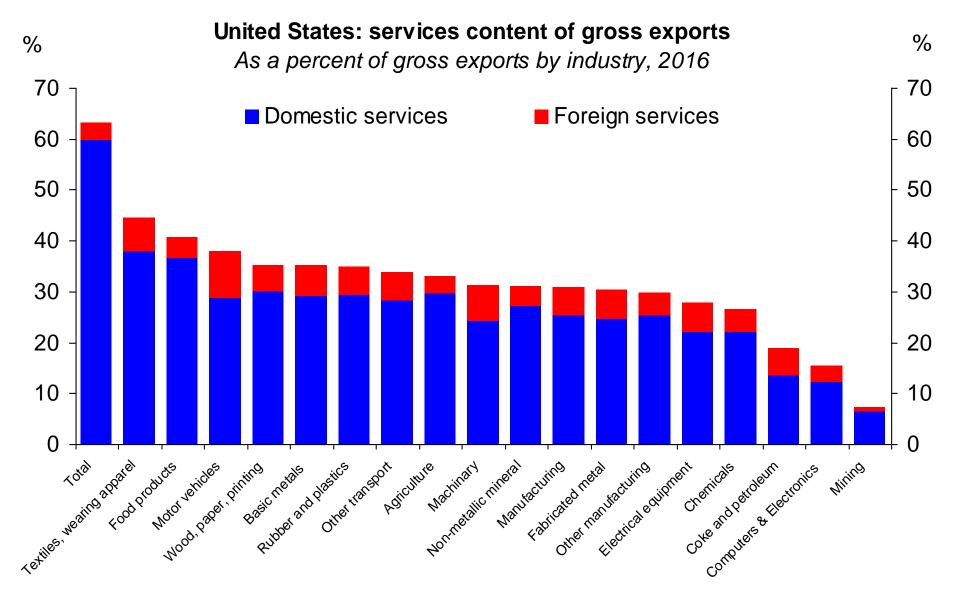








Services accounted for 62% of US gross exports in 2016





The importance of global supply chains in different industries in China

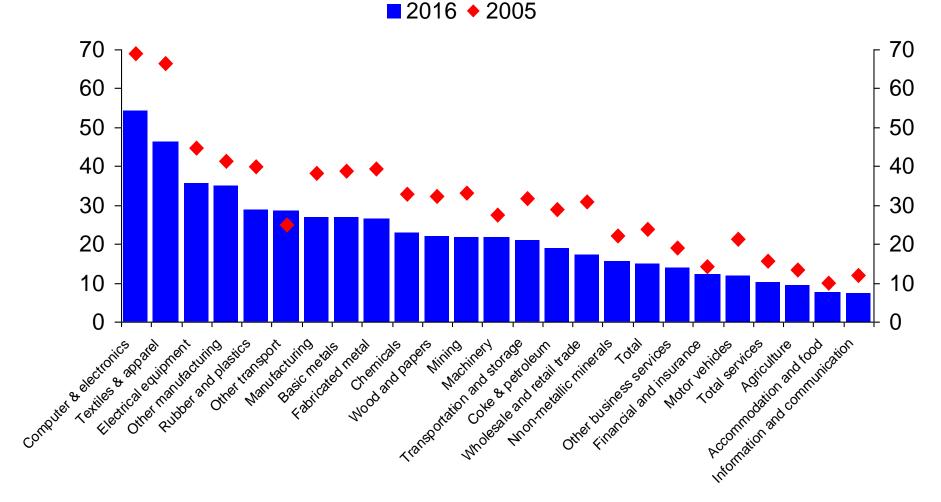
China: Domestic value added in foreign final demand across industries



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As a percent of value added by industry, 2005 to 2015

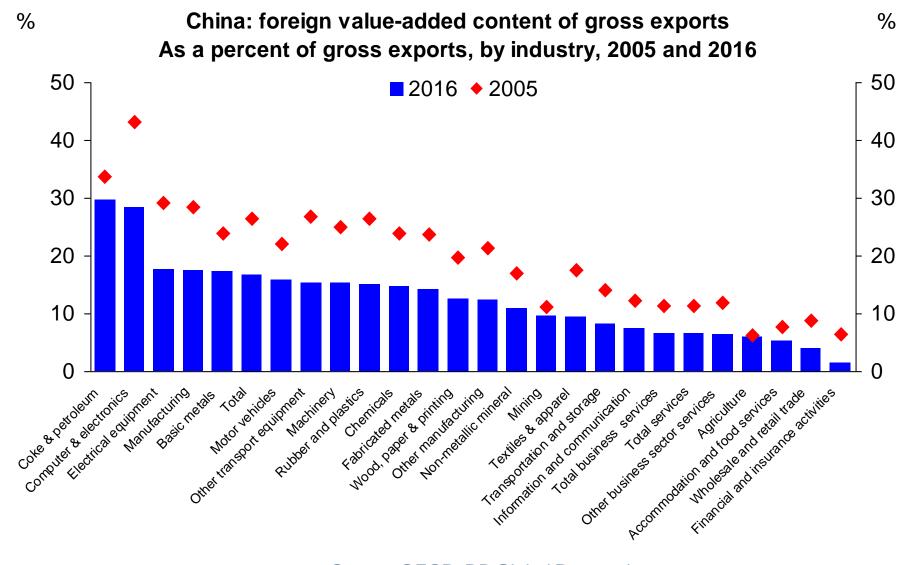


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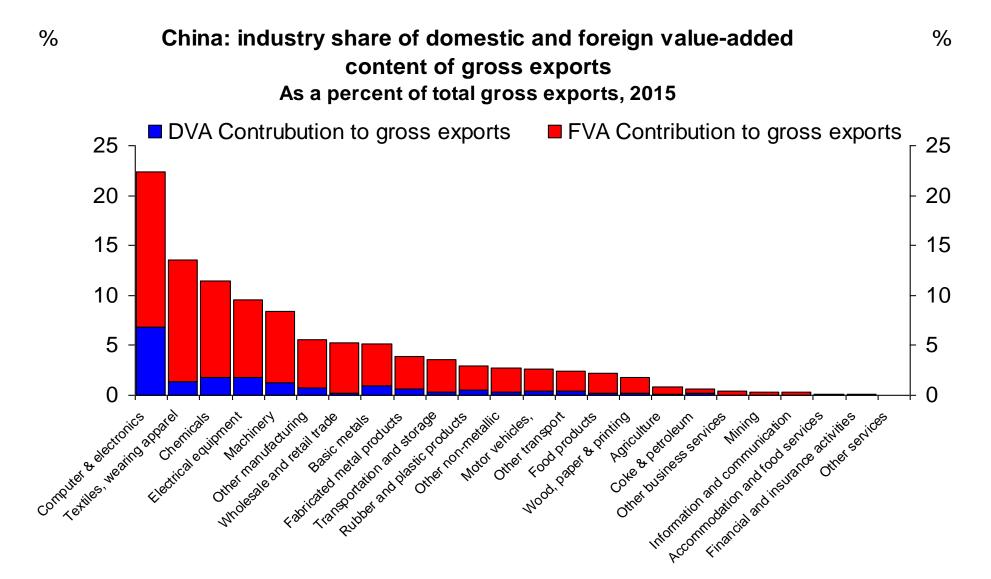


China: Foreign value-added content of exports as a percent of exports by industry



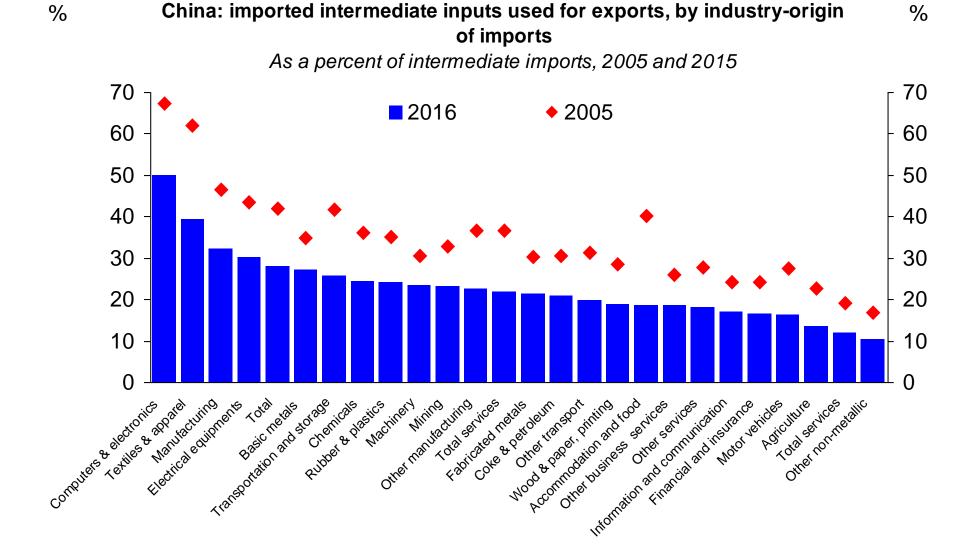


China: Industry share of value-added content of exports as a percent of total exports



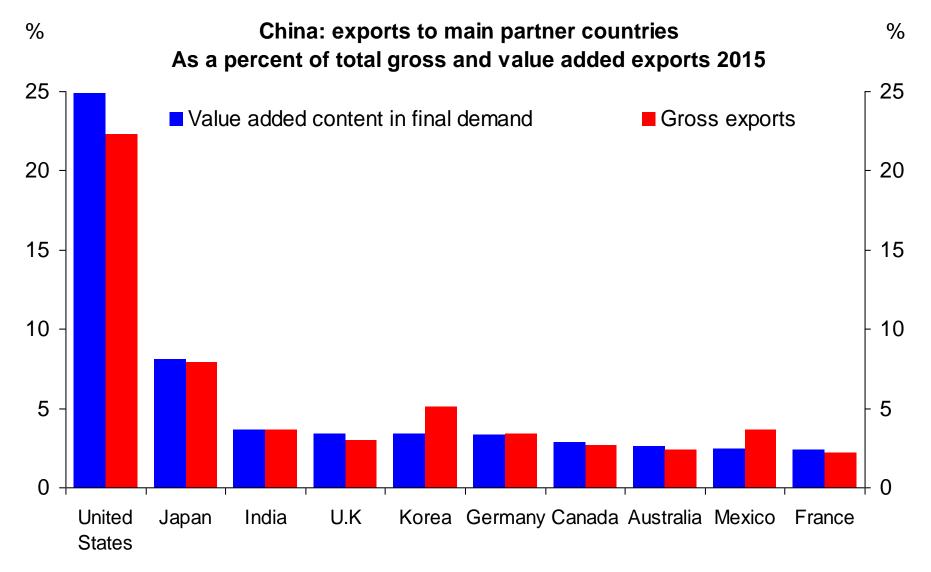
Imported intermediate inputs used for exports by industry-origin of imports





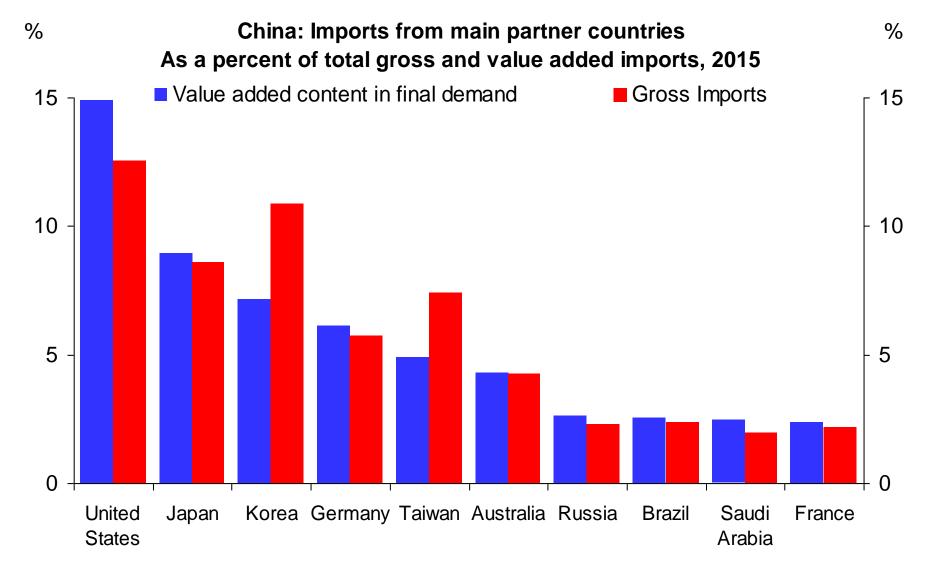


China: Exports to main trading partners as a percent of exports



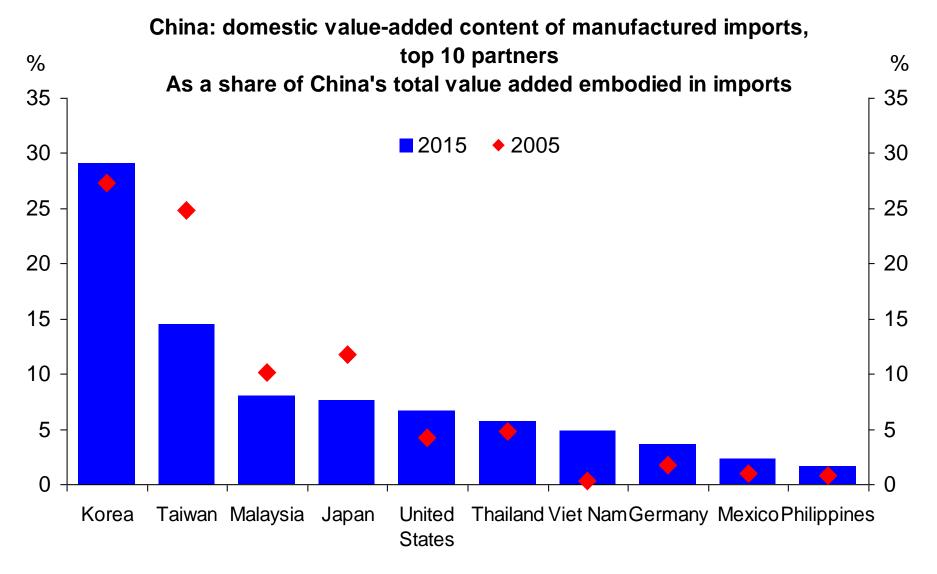


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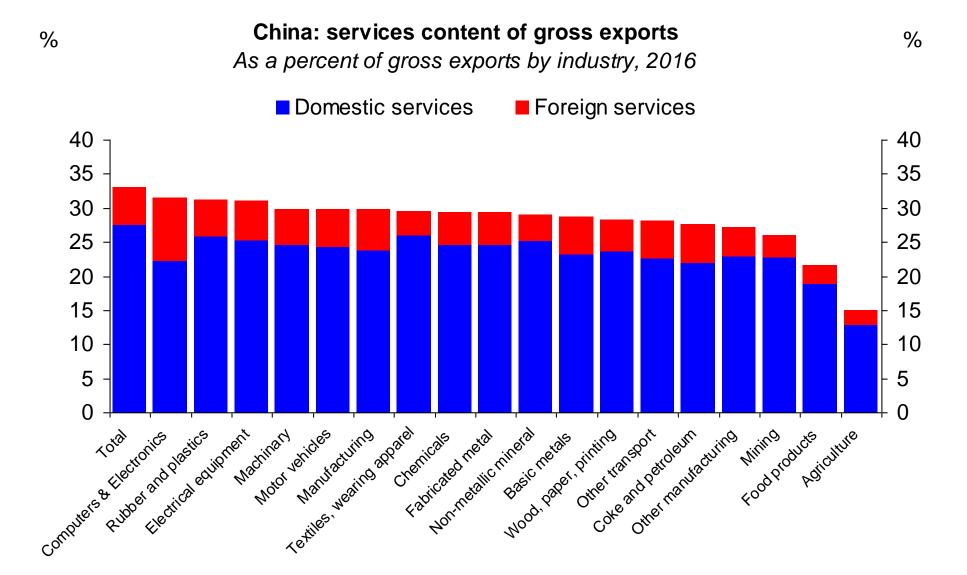


China: Domestic value added content of imports





Services accounted for 33% of China's gross exports in 2016



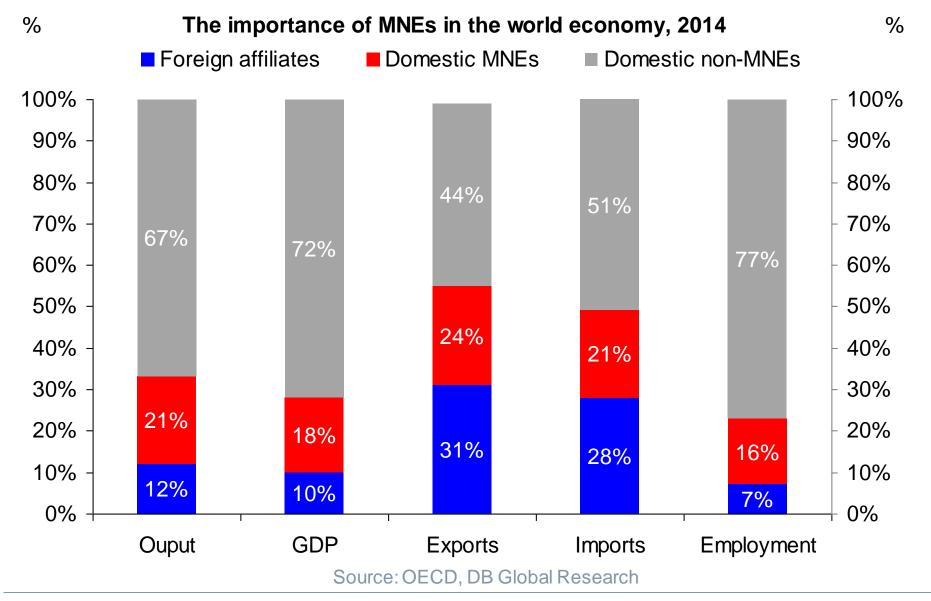
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Global supply chains and Multi-national Enterprises (MNEs)

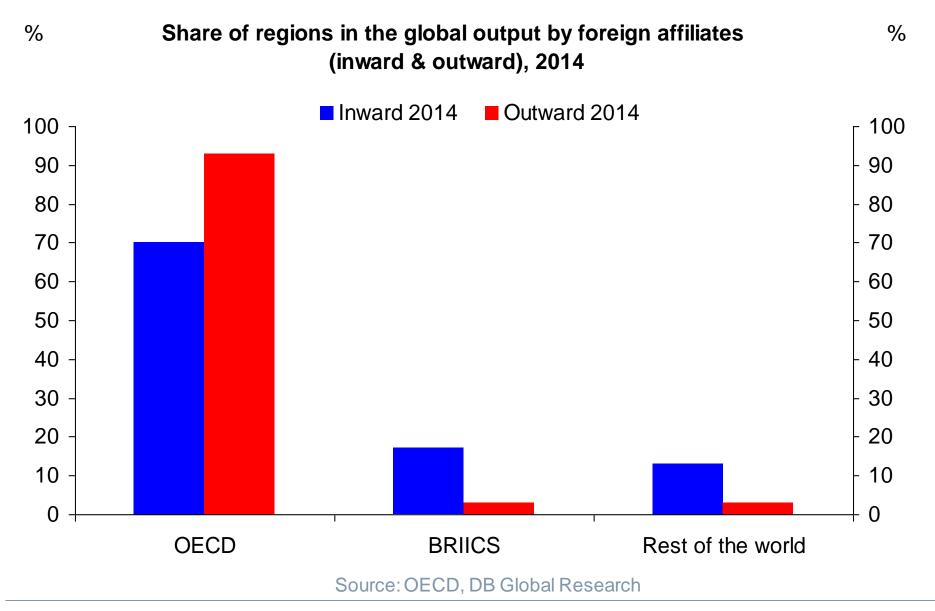


MNEs are estimated to produce about 1/3 of global output





Share in global output by foreign affiliates



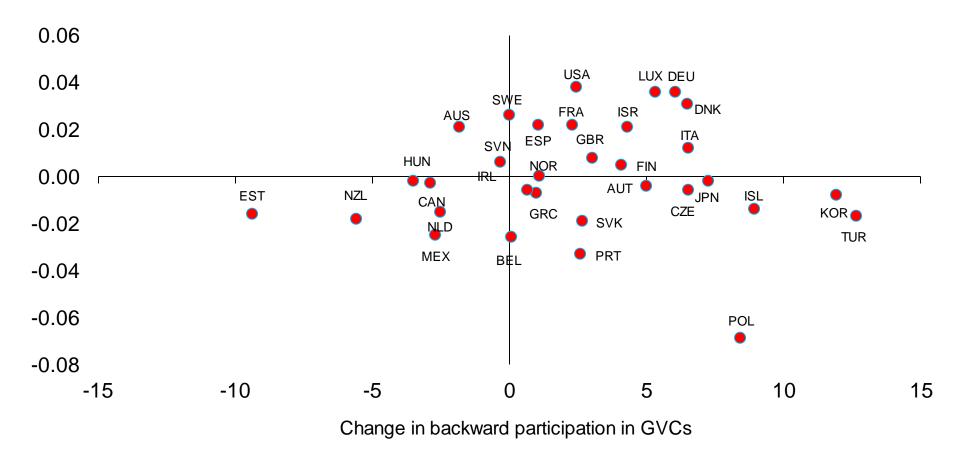


Global supply chains and inequality



No clear relationship between global value chains and inequality

Change in the Gini Trends in income inequalities and participation in global value chains coefficient 2000-12

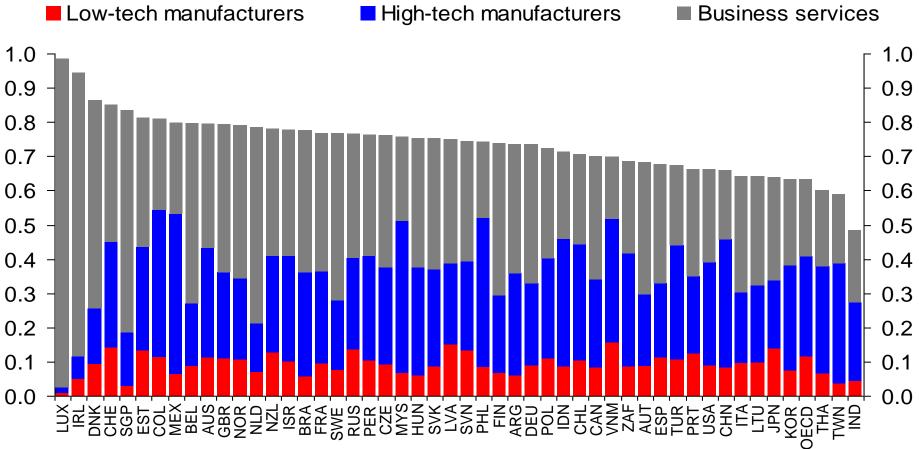


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Use of foreign intermediate inputs

Use of foreign intermediate inputs, by groups of industries As a proportion of total imports of intermediate products, 2015

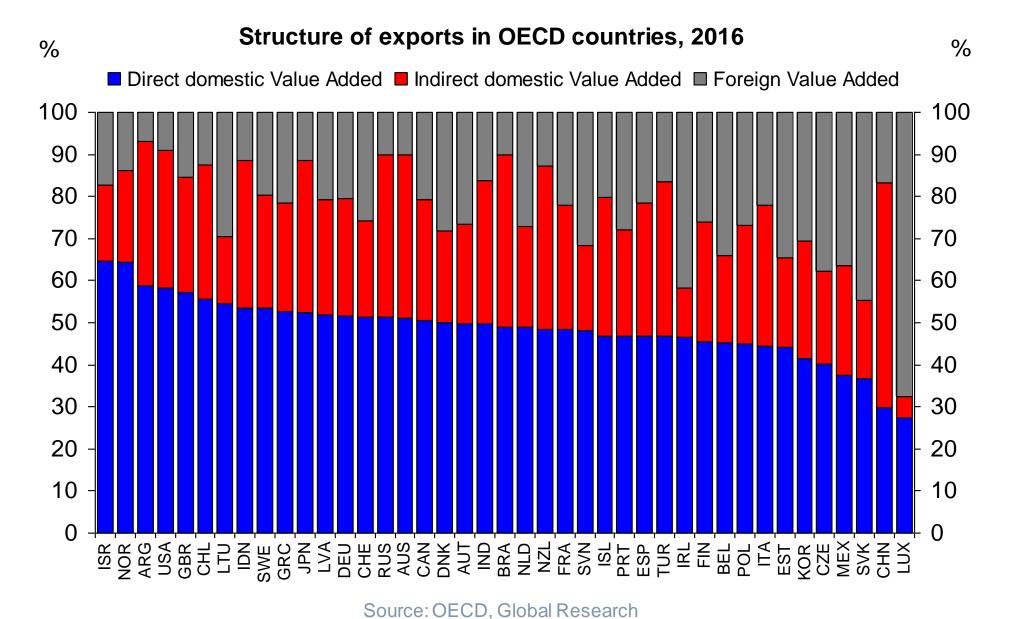


Note: Low technology manufactures are defined as sectors covering ISIC Rev.3 codes 15-22 and 36-37; business services include ISIC Rev.3 codes 50-74; and high technology manufactures include ISIC Rev.3 codes 24, 30, 32-33, 35

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