

Thank you for such a fascinating discussion. A paper by Lee confirms countries, which are behind the curve on the 4th Industrial Revolution, can bypass some of the early stages of industrialisation and speed up delivery to more advanced technologies referred to as 'leapfrogging'. An example, is Huawei and Ericsson, where Huawei patents initially imitated Ericsson's. [Lee, 2019] There are still risks involved, and developing countries must evolve production to more technology-based sectors and innovate with Industry 4.0 technology. [Sirimanne N, S 2022]

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