

# Reading group – Advances in Industrial Policy

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This reading group aimed at studying **industrial policy**, which is the multi-faceted government intervention to encourage and develop specific industries (e.g. manufacturing), promoting economic growth, especially in the absence of sufficient private sector investment. We consider industrial policies (IP) broadly defined, including taxation, trade policies, innovation policies, financial policies, or place-based policies. Naturally, this reading group will be at the intersection of diverse fields: *macroeconomics, firm dynamics and endogenous growth, international trade and spatial economics, industrial organization, macro-development, and public finance*. The papers covered are both theoretical (especially at the beginning), empirical (especially session 7 onward), or structural/quantitative. It is targeted at PhD students (of all years) and postdocs in these fields.

In previous years, Professors Eric Verhoogen and Josh Whitford (Sociology) organized a similar group in the Center for Political Economy through the Firms and Industrial Policy Idea Lab. As a result, we will merge the two groups!

## Organization:

The reading group will take place for 12 weeks from the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September to the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December. The 24 papers denoted with \* will be presented by PhD students and postdocs (2 papers per sessions = 1h20-1h30 per session). Depending on attendance, participants will present one or two papers over the quarter for 30 minutes each (ideally no more than 10 slides) + 5-10 min discussion/paper. The choice of paper is voluntary (and participation for the whole quarter is strongly encouraged). If one paper in the “optional readings” (see **Long Syllabus** page 5 onward), or outside the list attracts your interest, feel free to ask the organizers to substitute it for the ones listed.

In addition to the 30-minute presentations, and if participants are interested, some students could present their research in the case where it relates to industrial policy and the paper of their choice.

Food will be provided,

The reading group will meet on **Tuesdays, from 12 to 1 (TBC) in Columbia IAB (room TBC)**.

## Short Syllabus (24 papers / 12 weeks)

### 1. Classics: The Big Push and Industrial Policy

- \* Murphy, Kevin M., Andrei Shleifer, and Robert W. Vishny. "Industrialization and the big push." *Journal of political economy* 97.5 (1989): 1003-1026.
- \* Krugman, Paul. "Increasing returns and economic geography." *Journal of political economy* 99.3 (1991): 483-499.

### 2. Innovation, R&D policy, and endogenous growth

- \* Atkeson, Andrew, and Ariel Burstein. "Aggregate implications of innovation policy." *Journal of Political Economy* 127.6 (2019): 2625-2683.
- \* Akcigit, Ufuk, Douglas Hanley, and Stefanie Stantcheva. "Optimal taxation and R&D policies." *Econometrica* 90.2 (2022): 645-684.

### 3. Trade policy and tariffs

- \* Ossa, Ralph. "A "new trade" theory of GATT/WTO negotiations." *Journal of Political Economy* 119.1 (2011): 122-152.

### 4. Modern Industrial Policy

- \* Juhász, Réka, Nathan Lane, and Dani Rodrik. "The new economics of industrial policy." *Annual Review of Economics* 16 (2023).
- \* Bartelme, Dominick, et al. "The textbook case for industrial policy: Theory meets data." *Journal of Political Economy* 133.5 (2025): 1527-1573.
- \* Lashkaripour, Ahmad, and Volodymyr Lugovskyy. "Profits, scale economies, and the gains from trade and industrial policy." *American Economic Review* 113.10 (2023): 2759-2808.

### 5. Financial frictions and policy

- \* Itskhoki, Oleg, and Benjamin Moll. "Optimal development policies with financial frictions." *Econometrica* 87.1 (2019): 139-173.

### 6. Misallocation and Industrial Policy

- \* Buera, Francisco J., et al. "Big push in distorted economies". *National Bureau of Economic Research, No. w28561*, 2021.

## 7. Industrial Policy in practice – Theory and Evidence

- \* Barwick, Panle Jia, Myrto Kalouptsi, and Nahim Bin Zahur. "Industrial policy implementation: Empirical evidence from china's shipbuilding industry." *Review of Economic Studies* (2025): rdaf011.
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- \* Choi, Jaedo, and Younghun Shim. "From Adoption to Innovation: State-Dependent Technology Policy in Developing Countries" *R&R American Economic Review*. 2025
- \* Matray, Adrien, et al. "EXIM's Exit: Industrial Policy, Export Credit Agencies, and Capital Allocation." (2025).

## 8. Production Networks

- \* Liu, Ernest. "Industrial policies in production networks." *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 134.4 (2019): 1883-1948.

## 9. Industrial Policy in practice: Automobile Industry and EV

- \* **One of these 3 papers:** US policies and "Buy American Act":

Head, Keith, et al. "Industrial policies for multi-stage production: The battle for battery-powered vehicles." *Working Paper*, 2025.

Allcott, Hunt, et al. "The effects of "Buy American": Electric vehicles and the inflation reduction act." *National Bureau of Economic Research, No. w33032*. 2024.

Acosta, Miguel, and Lydia Cox. "The Macroeconomic Effects of the Buy American Act." *Working Paper*, (2025).

- \* **One of these 3 papers:** Chinese policies and learning by doing in the Auto and EV industry

Jia Barwick, et al. "Drive Down the Cost: Learning by Doing and Government Policies in the Global EV Battery Industry." *Working Paper*, 2025.

Jia Barwick, et al. "Industrial Policies and Innovation: Evidence from the Global Automobile Industry." *Working Paper*, 2025.

Jia Barwick, et al. "Attribute-based Subsidies and Market Power: an Application to Electric Vehicles." *R&R, Journal of Political Economy*, 2024.

## 10. Environmental and Energy Policies

- \* Gerarden, Todd D., Mar Reguant, and Daniel Xu. "The Role of Industrial Policy in the Renewable Energy Sector." *National Bureau of Economic Research, No. w34079*, 2025.
- \* Hahn, Robert W., et al. "A welfare analysis of policies impacting climate change". *R&R American Economic Review*, 2024.

## 11. Industrial policy and coordination failures

\* Garg, Tishara. "Can Industrial Policy overcome Coordination Failures? Theory and Evidence" *Job Market Paper, MIT*, 2025

\* Sturm, John. "How to Fix a Coordination Failure: A "Super-Pigouvian" Approach", *Job Market Paper, MIT*, 2025

## 12. Place-based industrial policies

### \* One of these 2 papers

Fajgelbaum, Pablo D., and Cecile Gaubert. "Optimal spatial policies, geography, and sorting." *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 135.2 (2020): 959-1036.

Rossi-Hansberg, Esteban, Pierre-Daniel Sarte, and Felipe Schwartzman. "Cognitive Hubs and Spatial Redistribution." *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*.

### \* One of these 2 papers

Bhandari, Aditya. "Technology and the Geography of Industrial Policy " *Job Market Paper, University of Chicago*, 2025

Chikis, Craig A., Benny Kleinman, and Marta Prato. "The Geography of Innovative Firms". *National Bureau of Economic Research No. w34010*, 2025.

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Kline, Patrick, and Enrico Moretti. "Local economic development, agglomeration economies, and the big push: 100 years of evidence from the Tennessee Valley Authority." *The Quarterly journal of economics* 129.1 (2014): 275-331.

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# Long Syllabus

## 1. Classics – Industrial Policy and the Big Push

### Mandatory

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#### Other references – The pioneers

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**Review:** Harrison, Ann, and Andrés Rodríguez-Clare. "Trade, foreign investment, and industrial policy for developing countries." *Handbook of development economics* 5 (2010): 4039-4214.

#### Reviews: trade

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Allen, Treb, and Costas Arkolakis. "Trade and the Topography of the Spatial Economy." *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 129.3 (2014): 1085-1140.

#### Books: Trade, Economic Geography, Growth, and Development

Grossman, Gene M., and Elhanan Helpman. *Innovation and growth in the global economy*. MIT press, 1993.

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## 7. Industrial Policy in practice – Theory and Evidence

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## **8. Production networks**

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#### Environment and DTC

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