

# Robots and AI: A New Economic Era

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# Robots and AI: Productivity

## Positive Impacts on Productivity

- Large productivity gains and substantial price reducing effects from the adoption of industrial robots and AI at both firm and aggregate levels.
- *Automators* produce more outputs and have higher productivity. They also tend to exhibit higher export shares with more variety and produce higher quality goods.



# Robots and AI: Trade

## Facilitates trade in goods and services

- Adoption of Robots and AI in developed countries affects trade with developing countries, exports from developing to developed countries expand in the sectors that experience the greatest robotization.
- Larger and more globally connected firms in the South are more likely to adopt Robots and AI and thus increasing their market shares at the expense of non-automating firms.
- A greater AI deployment led to more services trade and higher consumer welfare.



# Robots and AI: Labor and Wages



## 3 Effects and 3 Channels:

*Displacement* effects: negative effects on labor and wages via displacement mechanism

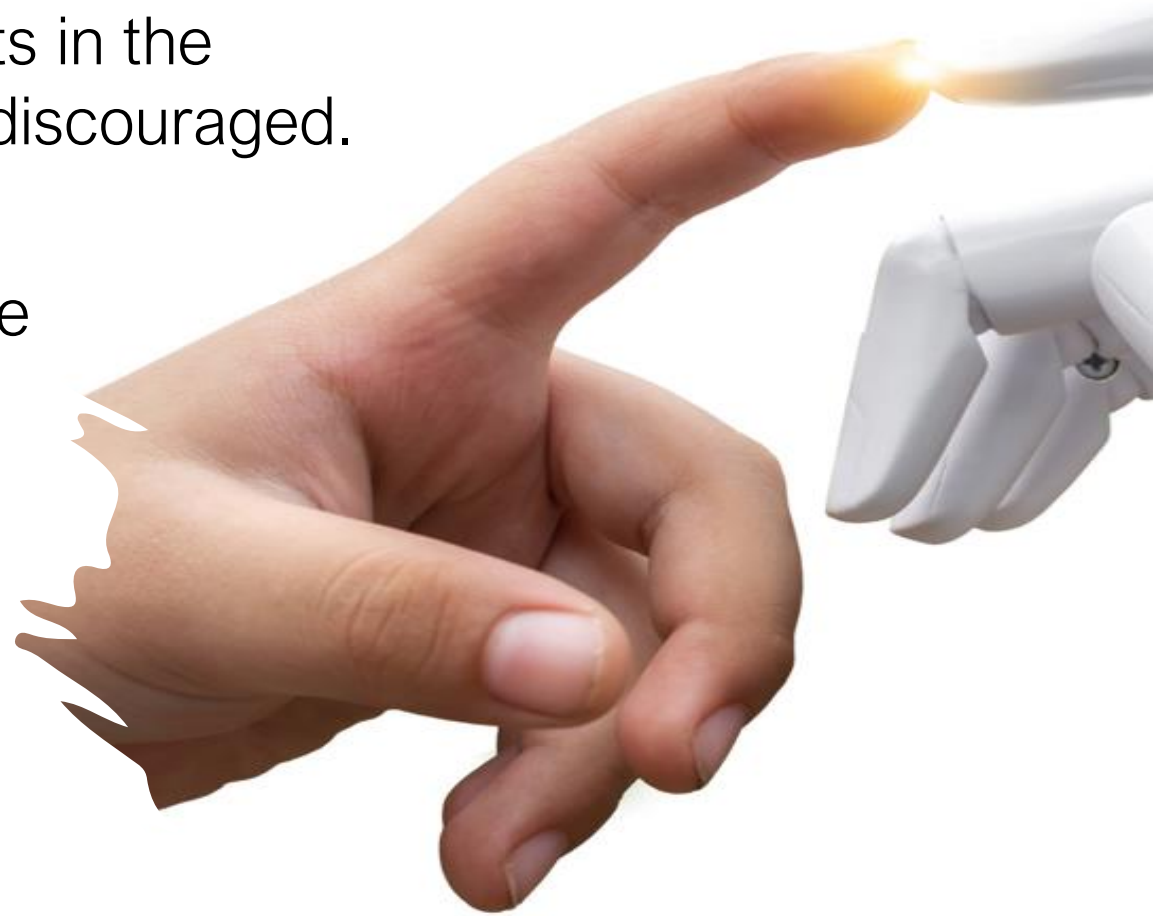
*Productivity* effects: positive effects on labor and wages, via improved firms' production and competitiveness.

*Reinstatement* effects: reinstate labor into a broader range of tasks and thus change the task content of production in favor of labor

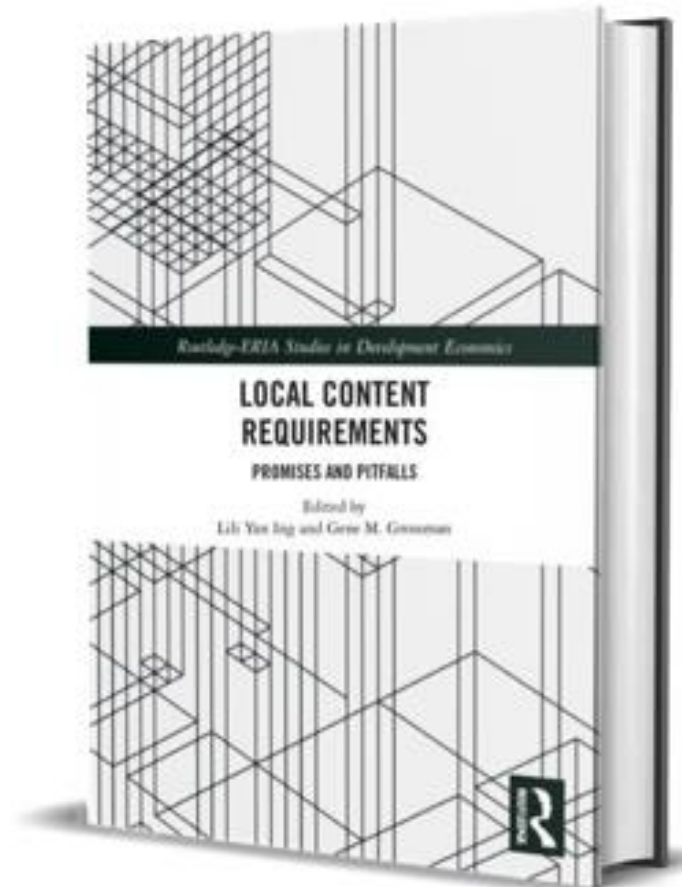
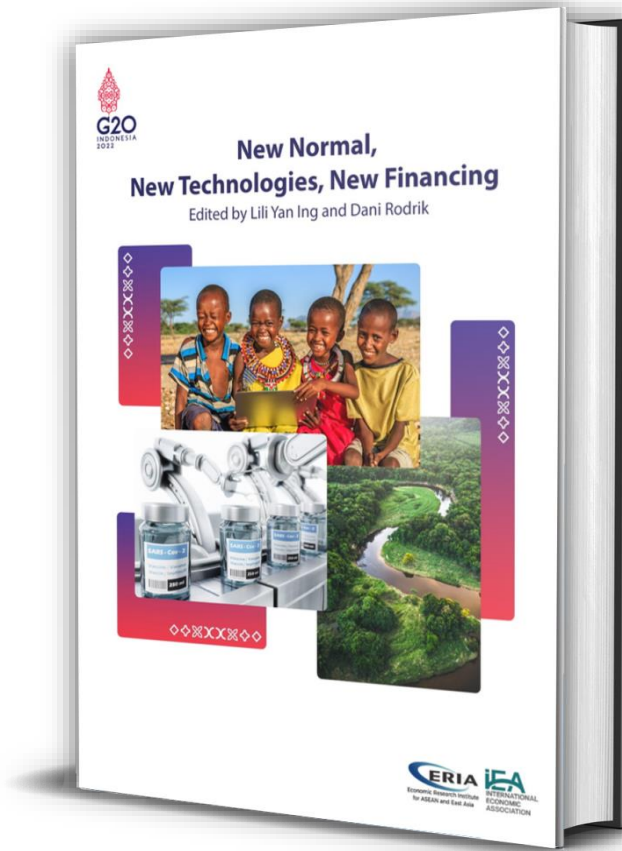
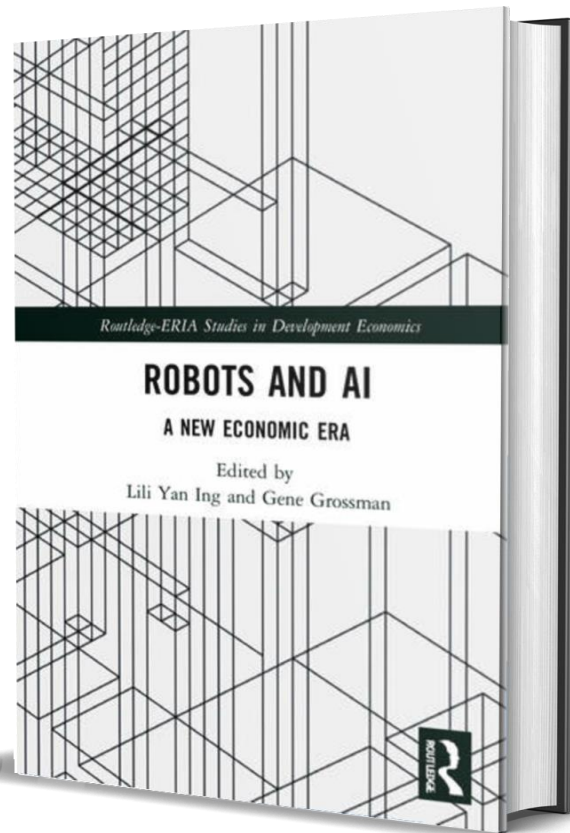
The forthcoming technological developments in the robotics and AI ought to be welcomed, not discouraged.

Yet, we need to deal **challenges** in the innovation and adoption of Robots and AI:

1. Nature of data: privacy, cyber security, and algorithm bias
2. Technical: Interoperability, scalability, and reliability
3. Governance and ethics.



Along with the development of robots and AI, it is our responsibility to ensure that they are *human-centric* and designed to improve human welfare.



# Thank You

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