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# **Who Should Control Technology Transfer for Trade and Economic Growth**

**Global Economic Integration and Industrial Policy in Emerging Asia**

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# Motivations

- **Technology transfer**
  - Market-based vs. Forced technology transfer
- **Technology choice**
  - Technology neutrality vs. Technological discrimination
- **Industrial upgrading**
  - Step-by-step approach vs. Leap-frog approach to industrial upgrading

**Joint Statement on Trilateral Meeting of the Trade  
Ministers of the US, Japan, and the EU  
(on 25 September 2018)**

**Statement on Concerns with Forced Technology  
Transfer Policies and Practices of Third Countries**

The Ministers recalled their shared view that no country should require or pressure technology transfer from foreign companies to domestic companies, including, for example, through the use of joint venture requirements, foreign equity limitations, administrative review and licensing processes, or other means. The Ministers found such practices to be deplorable.

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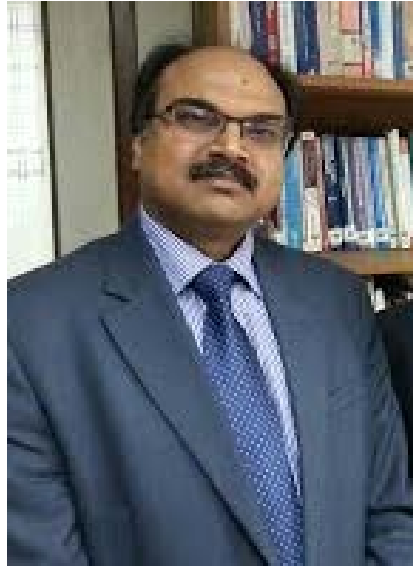
# Questions

- Which approach is beneficial for developing countries and sustainable trade?
- What challenges will industrial policy approach to foreign technological investment cause to today's multilateral trading system?
  - Will East Asian economic integration initiatives complement multilateral trading system to promote technology transfer?

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