

Preface

The fourth international PhD workshop entitled Technological Change and Development, organized by the Doctoral School in Economics at the University of Szeged, took place in April 2019. Just like in the previous years, the workshop was held in parallel with the international conference of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration. This offered PhD students a special opportunity for personal interactions with senior and young researchers from several countries. From the presentations of the PhD session and the conference, we selected and peer-reviewed 22 papers with authors coming from various doctoral schools and higher education institutions.

This time we invited again papers, addressing a better understanding of the impacts of technological change, industry 4.0 on the economy and development. The broadly defined subject offered the possibility to the participants to concentrate on the topic, most relevant from the point of view of their theses. This is why the topics and approaches of the volume are rich and varied.

The first chapter of the book deals with business development including the analysis of business and management environment and sectoral analyses. All seven papers are built on sophisticated methodological background. The geographical coverage includes Hungary, Central Europe and Azerbaijan. The next chapter analyses the impacts of innovation covering a wide range of topics: national accounts, agriculture, doctor-patient communication, middle-income trap. The third part is dedicated to financial issues like taxation, macroeconomic imbalance, fiscal distress at local municipalities. The fourth part focuses on the changing international relations covering topics of inequality, Dutch disease, misinvoicing and the practical test of Ricardian equivalence hypothesis.

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