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Governance of Research and Innovation in Transitional Contexts

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Countries around the world look at the output of scientific research and innovation (SRI) to restart growth and re-engineer development models for better performance and sustainability. Developing countries, especially post financial crisis, facing slow economies look at innovation to restart growth, create opportunities, and help society face a number of emerging societal and environmental challenges. Emerging countries, on the other hand, boast significant human and natural resources but suffer from limited innovation capacity and outputs. Such countries often cite SRI as one of the key answers to drive ambitious reforms and help local economies climb up the value chain, create wealth, boost employment, and drive wider socio-economic development.

While public rhetoric calls upon SRI to play a central role in restarting growth, boosting development and in driving the energy, industrial, environment, and development transitions, such systems face a number of pressures inherent to crisis and transitional contexts. These include increasing pressures on public finances, heightened public accountability, slow pace of administrative reforms, increased international competition on mobile and hard to retain talent, frequent changes in political leadership and in short versus long term horizons, and challenges in ensuring cross-sectorial policy coherence and inclusive policies.

Faced with a multitude of pressures combined with increased expectations and accountability, SRI policies and systems are required to demonstrate increased resilience and adaptation capacity to achieve desired outcomes. This panel aims to contribute to the debate on how research and innovation policy and practice interact and contribute to the desired outcomes in various transitional contexts. The panel aims at exposing the experience of different types of configurations in various countries and assessing their relative success or failure, confirming proven principles and exploring options for alternative approaches.

Potential Themes

- Research funding policies: Block versus competitive funding, directed versus undirected research, need and methodologies for setting national priorities for research and innovation, ...
- Research and innovation output/impact evaluation: Assessing research impact, innovation output, approaches and methodologies in theory and in practice, ...
- Research and innovation policy coherence across sectors
- Talent retention, mobility, brain-drain, and development of the global south
- Research and innovation strategies in transitional contexts
- Smart specialization and regional development policies
- Governance of innovation in the public sector
- Governance of Techno-parks and science parks, Tech parks and regional development
- Co-construction, early education, fab labs and local development
- Frugal innovation and local development
- Research and innovation and early education systems
- Challenges for horizontal innovation policy making and policy coherence

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