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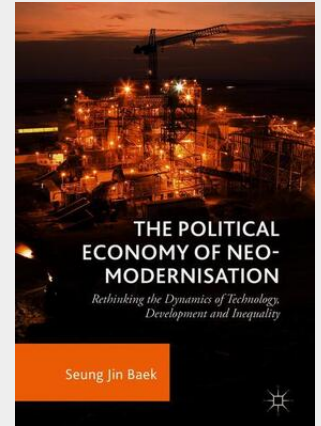
The Political Economy of Neo-modernisation

Rethinking the Dynamics of Technology, Development and Inequality

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'It is of great value to complement the limitations of contemporary mainstream economic growth discourse by exploiting the complex relations between technology, development, and inequality, while concurrently providing a better academic orientation in the era of the upcoming Industrial Revolution.' —Hak-Su Kim, Chairman of the International Leaders Union and Former Under-Secretary General of the United Nations 'The theoretical strategy to present the inter-dynamic relationship between technological changes and inequality evolution by stages of economic development is innovative in explaining the root causes of developmental trajectories that are different for each country. Such an approach can teach developing countries how to establish a vision and select priorities for their mid- to long-term development planning framework.' —Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene, Director of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and Former Minister of Petroleum and Mines, Mauritania

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