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Propositions

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1. (*Chapter 2*) Foreign aid from western donors has contributed negatively to industrialization in Africa.
2. (*Chapter 4*) Foreign aid from western donors has reduced urbanization rates in Africa.
3. (*Chapter 3*) Most African countries have neither industrialized nor deindustrialized.
4. (*Chapter 5*) The former Soviet countries had to unwind over-industrialization; this process of structural transformation negatively impacted productivity growth.
5. (*Chapter 5*) The former Soviet countries performed considerably worse than the former centrally planned EU countries in terms of the structural transformation impact on growth.
6. (*Chapters 2 & 4*) Natural disasters as exogenous shocks to donor countries can provide a useful source of random variation in aid flows.
7. (*Chapters 3 & 5*) Industrialization or structural change trends in specific subsamples of countries are often not representative of the whole region.
8. Foreign aid targeted at subsistence farmers or the rural poor may keep them that way.
9. Development interventions should always consider structural change side-effects.
10. Shift-share IVs are not witchcraft.