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Stellingen
Propositions
behorende bij het proefschrift
Belonging to the PhD thesis
A Global Value Chain Perspective on Trade, Employment, and Growth
van
of
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1. A global value chain perspective is crucial for our understanding in various fields of economics. (This thesis)
2. Bilateral factor exports can be very different from the bilateral export flows in products (Chapter 2)
3. The pattern of factor exports is highly consistent with each country's factor endowment. The pattern of product exports is not. (Chapter 2)
4. Offshoring and technical change contribute equally to the decreasing demand for non-college workers in the recent decades in developed countries. (Chapter 3)
5. Information and communication technology shifts demand away from medium-skilled workers. But technical change as a whole seems to have the strongest negative impact on low-skilled labour. (Chapter 3)
6. Comparative advantage of countries and the path of economic upgrading should be analysed at the worker's task level, instead of industry or product level. (Chapter 4)
7. Participation in global value chains does not guarantee that developing countries can "climb up" to higher-skilled tasks. (Chapter 4)
8. Broadcasting and marketing of a new idea are equivalently important as developing it.
9. Econometric instruments are used to support empirical studies, not the other way around.
10. Teaching evaluation should be performed before the exam.
11. Those who need it cannot get it. Those who have it do not know how to utilize it. An important reason is that those in the middle sometimes make the bridging way too expensive.