

Research at the intersection of Sustainable Development, Structural Transformation and Innovation Dynamics

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The IEDL is a newly established academic initiative at the University of Athens dedicated to advancing research on growth dynamics, economic integration and structural transformation, bringing together scholars and practitioners in international economics and development.

The laboratory was launched at a pivotal moment. As the United Nations revisits the Sustainable Development Goals and Europe debates its financial architecture, policy-relevant research at the intersection of finance, innovation and sustainability is gaining prominence.

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Five project lines

1 Development finance

Financing architecture, investment capacity and the mobilisation of resources for sustainable growth.

2 Financial innovation for sustainable development

New instruments and market mechanisms that channel capital towards sustainability objectives.

3 Innovation dynamics after crises

How economies rebuild capabilities and innovation trajectories following major shocks.

4 Growth drivers and structural transformation

Sources of resilient, shock-proof recovery in small open economies, with Greece as a reference case.

5 Educational resources

Teaching materials and learning tools in international economics and development.

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What the laboratory does

Research & education Undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes.	Academic outputs Working papers, journal articles and books.	Scholarly events Lectures, workshops and conferences with scholars from Greece and abroad.	Collaboration Universities, research centres, international organisations, civil society.	Projects & consultancy Aligned with the laboratory's thematic priorities.
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DIRECTOR



The role of development scholars is to identify the key issues for a comprehensive research agenda — cutting through anecdotal detail to address core analytical and policy challenges. The value added of policy-relevant innovation studies must never come at the expense of clarity, rigour and intellectual honesty.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR · ATHENS,
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An invitation to collaborate

We warmly invite you to explore our website, engage with our research and consider opportunities for scholarly collaboration. Your expertise and insights are vital to our shared mission of advancing inclusive and sustainable development trajectories.

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