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Abstract

Outsourcing services inputs from suppliers in abroad countries- called offshoring services has been increasing significantly during recent decades due to the development of new technologies and the liberalization of international services trade. Within my thesis, I summary many literatures to explain the basic theoretical knowledge about offshoring services and present actual data to demonstrate this new wave of international trade in the world. In addition, the paper discusses the issue in view of developed countries as sending countries which offshore services to foreign countries as well as from the perspective of developing countries – receiving countries where take the responsibility to perform services for others to study how this kind of services international trade impacts both groups. The paper uses evidences from USA and Germany for the former country-group and takes India as a case study for the latter.

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3. List of abbreviations

BPO: business process outsourcing

DIHK: Deutscher Industrie und Handelskammertag

FDI: foreign direct investement

GATS: General Agreement on Trade in services

GATT: Multilateral Agreement on Trade and Tariff

HS: high skill

ICTs: information and communication technologies

IDP: investment development path

IT: information technology

LS: low skill

R&D: research and development

RTAs: regional trade agreements

UK: United Kingdom

USA: United States of America