

## ADVANCED INTRODUCTION TO NATIONAL INNOVATION SYSTEMS

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'In the quarter century since it emerged, the innovation system concept has come to play a major role in efforts to shape public policies so as to better support innovation and economic growth, as well as being an important focuser of scholarly research on these topics. It has had a profound influence on policy makers as well as academic researchers. This book provides a lucid and broad introduction to the national innovation system concept, describing its beginnings and development, and the wide range of topics where it has come to play an important role.'

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Since its emergence in the 1980s the national innovation system (NIS) concept has become widely used by scholars and policymakers alike. In the course of its rapid diffusion it has provoked controversy on fundamental issues. Where did NIS emerge? What is the theoretical core of the concept? Is it actually a scientific concept or simply a buzz-word? How useful is it in terms of low income countries? How does the national innovation system relate to economic, social and environmental sustainable development? Is it meaningful to study national systems in a globalizing economy? What are the legitimate policy implications? This book provides an in depth analysis of all these questions as well as recommending future avenues of research.

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