

## UNU-WIDER Library New Acquisitions in February 2009

1.

SIGNUM: 338(5) Asia. Pacific / General

COLLATION: AUSTRALIA

TITLE: Australia : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 18

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 158 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 18)

ISBN: 978-92-64-04822-5

SUBJECT: <Australia> <economic indicators> <labour market> <education> <water management>

SYNOPSIS: This 2008 edition of OECD's periodic review of Australia's economy focuses on key challenges including raising the labour supply, enhancing educational performance, enhancing the functioning of product and labour markets, and improving water management.

2.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Eastern Europe

COLLATION: CZECH REPUBLIC

TITLE: Czech Republic : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 8

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 110 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 8)

ISBN: 978-92-64-04295-7

SUBJECT: <Czech Republic> <economic indicators> <fiscal policy> <globalisation> <labour market>

SYNOPSIS: This edition of OECD's periodic review of the Czech economy focuses on key economic challenges including ensuring fiscal sustainability, improving the labour supply, and harnessing globalisation.

3.

SIGNUM: 32

COLLATION: DARA

TITLE: The humanitarian response index 2008 : donor accountability in humanitarian action

AUTHOR: Development Assistance Research Associates DARA

PUBLISHER: Basingstoke : Palgrave Macmillan, 2009. - viii, 295 p.

ISBN: 978-0-230-22196-3

SUBJECT: <humanitarian index> <donor profiles>

SYNOPSIS: Every year, millions of people need humanitarian assistance to survive and recover from disasters and conflicts. However, despite the best of intentions, the response of the different actors who fund and implement humanitarian assistance is not enough. As the principal providers of humanitarian assistance funding, government donors are key to ensuring that aid reaches the people who need it most. They have the power to make the humanitarian system more effective.

4.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Nordic countries

COLLATION: DENMARK

TITLE: Denmark : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 2

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 196 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 2)

ISBN: 978-92-64-04289-6

SUBJECT: <Denmark> <economic indicators> <economic growth> <health care>

SYNOPSIS: OECD's periodic survey of the Danish economy. This edition's special feature covers health care.

5.

SIGNUM: 339.9

COLLATION: DEVELOPMENT

TITLE: Development aid : a fresh look

AUTHOR: Mavrotas, George ; McGillivray, Mark (eds)

PUBLISHER: Basingstoke : Palgrave Macmillan in association with UNU-WIDER, 2009. - xiv, 260 p.

SERIES: (Studies in development economics and policy)

ISBN: 978-0-230-22169-7

SUBJECT: <development assistance> <economic assistance> <economic policy> <aid programmes>  
<statistics> <developing countries>

SYNOPSIS: Donor countries are currently scaling up their aid programmes in response to strategies proposed through the Millennium Development Goals. Recent positive research on the impact of foreign development aid has led to increased expectations on the part of donor countries. Research suggests that per capita income growth over the last decade would have been lower in the absence of aid, and also that public sector expenditure on health and education in developing countries would not have been as great without aid inflows. However, there still remain many significant gaps in knowledge on aid allocation and effectiveness. This book addresses a number of these gaps, and provides many new and important analytical insights into aid. Among the topics covered are the interface between aid allocation and perceptions of aid effectiveness, the inter-recipient concentration of aid from non-government organizations, the year-on-year volatility of aid, impacts of aid on public sector fiscal aggregates, and evaluation of the country-level impacts of aid.

6.

SIGNUM: IntOrg UNU-WIDER

COLLATION: DISCUSSION PAPERS

TITLE: The financial crisis of 2008 and the developing countries

AUTHOR: Naudé, Wim

PUBLISHER: Helsinki : UNU World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), 2009. - 20 p.

SERIES: (WIDER Discussion Papers, ISSN 1609-5774 ; 2009/01)

ISBN: 978-92-9230-170-5

SUBJECT: <financial crisis> <developing countries> <development finance> <financial development>

SYNOPSIS: Following the financial crisis that broke in the US and other Western economies in late 2008, there is now serious concern about its impact on the developing countries. The world media almost daily reports scenarios of gloom and doom, with many predicting a deep global recession. This paper critically discusses this and concludes that as far as the developing countries are concerned, a bit more optimism may be warranted. Although without doubt there are particular countries that will be adversely affected, there will also be countries that may be less affected, may avoid recession, and may recover sooner than expected. Six major reasons for this conclusion are discussed. Without this resilience in the developing world, prospects for the world's richer countries would be much bleaker. Finally, some options available to the developing countries for minimizing the impact of the crisis are discussed.

7.

SIGNUM: IntOrg OECD

COLLATION: ECONOMIC

TITLE: OECD economic outlook : 84 : volume 2008 : 2 : December 2008

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 302 p.

ISBN: 978-92-64-05469-1

SUBJECT: <OECD> <economic indicators> <economic trends> <economic development> <economic growth> <globalization> <fiscal policy>

SYNOPSIS: This December 2008 edition of the OECD Economic Outlook presents OECD's first set of economic analysis and projections since the financial crisis began. As always, it includes an overall assessment as well as individual country assessments for OECD and major non-OECD economies, and an extensive statistical annex. This edition's special feature covers responses to inflation shocks.

8.

SIGNUM: ADB Collection

COLLATION: ERD Working Papers

TITLE: Price dynamics in the US market for apparel imports : impact of quota elimination under the agreement on textiles and clothing and safeguard restrictions on the People's Republic of China

AUTHOR: James, William E. ; Hernando, Juan Paolo

PUBLISHER: Metro Manila : Asian Development Bank, 2008. - 39 p.

SERIES: (ERD Working Papers, ISSN 1655-5252 ; 114)

SUBJECT: <clothing imports> <United States> <textile markets> <People's Republic of China>

SYNOPSIS: This paper evaluates the impact of the removal of quotas on unit prices of clothing imports from various suppliers into the second largest global market for clothing imports, the United States (US).

9.

SIGNUM: ADB Collection

COLLATION: ERD Working Papers

TITLE: Privatization revisited : lessons from private sector participation in water supply and sanitation in developing countries

AUTHOR: Gunatilake, Herath ; Carangal-San Jose, Mary Jane F.

PUBLISHER: Metro Manila : Asian Development Bank, 2008. - 51 p.

SERIES: (ERD Working Papers, ISSN 1655-5252 ; 115)

SUBJECT: <water supply> <sanitation> <public sector> <private sectors>

SYNOPSIS: This paper examines the experiences of private sector participation (PSP) in the water supply and sanitation (WSS) sector. The paper uses non-market failures as a concept to briefly explain why public sector provision of WSS is prone to failures.

10.

SIGNUM: ADB Collection

COLLATION: ERD Working Papers

TITLE: Productivity and employment in a developing country : evidence from Republic of Korea

AUTHOR: Kim, Sangho ; Lim, Hyunjoon ; Park, Donghyun

PUBLISHER: Metro Manila : Asian Development Bank, 2008. - 30 p.

SERIES: (ERD Working Papers, ISSN 1655-5252 ; 116)

SUBJECT: <productivity> <technology shocks> <employment>

SYNOPSIS: The paper empirically investigates the relationship between productivity and employment in Republic of Korea using structural vector auto regression (VAR) models. Productivity-enhancing technology shocks significantly increase hours worked, which lends support to the real business cycle theory. The results show that technology shocks can explain most elements of a business cycle both in the short and long run. On the other hand, demand shocks can only explain price fluctuations. The evidence thus suggests that Korean policymakers should give higher priority to supply-side policies that promote technological progress and innovation.

11.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / General

COLLATION: EURO

TITLE: Euro area : OECD economic surveys 2009 : 1

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2009. - 148 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2009 : 1)

ISBN: 978-92-64-04824-9

SUBJECT: <Europe> <economic indicators> <inflation> <financial market turmoil> <fiscal policy>

SYNOPSIS: This edition of OECD's periodic survey of the Euro Area economy finds a slowing economy, receding inflationary pressures and financial market turmoil. The survey focuses on key challenges being faced including financial market stability, fiscal policy, and financial integration, innovation and the monetary policy transmission mechanism. An annex looks at wealth effects on household consumption.

12.

SIGNUM: 339.9

COLLATION: EUROPEAN

TITLE: The European Union's development policy : a personal view of 50 years of international cooperation

AUTHOR: Frisch, Dieter

PUBLISHER: Maastricht : European Centre for Development Policy Management, 2008. - viii, 72 p.

SERIES: (Policy Management Report ; Number 15)

ISBN: 978-90-72908-37-7

SUBJECT: <international cooperation> <development policy> <European Union>

SYNOPSIS: This paper, essentially historic in nature, is unlike ECDPM's usual publications which generally examine technical or political issues and look resolutely to the future. Its aim is to examine how development cooperation came about in the Community and then the Union in order to shed light on the past and ensure that the origins of this staunchly international side of our Union are not lost from sight.

13.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Nordic countries

COLLATION: FINLAND

TITLE: Finland : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 6

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 159 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 6)

ISBN: 978-92-64-04315-2

SUBJECT: <Finland> <economic indicators> <productivity> <labour market> <ageing> <unemployment> <labour market> <globalisation> <fiscal policy>

SYNOPSIS: The Finnish economy has performed very well in recent years, with strong GDP growth in a low inflation environment, rising employment and a sound fiscal position. Strong social safety nets and high education standards put the country in a good position to benefit from the opportunities of globalisation.

14.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Nordic countries

COLLATION: FINNISH

TITLE: Finnish economy : structural indicators 2008

AUTHOR: Ilmakunnas, Seija ; Kröger, Outi ; Romppanen, Antti (eds)

PUBLISHER: Helsinki : Government Institute for Economic Research, 2008. - 138 p.

ISBN: 978-951-561-773-6

SUBJECT: <Finland> <economic indicators> <structural indicators> <labour market> <public expenditures> <taxation> <environment>

SYNOPSIS: Finnish Economy - Structural Indicators 2008 gives a comprehensive picture of the Finnish Economy. It covers issues ranging from developments in the national economy, structural changes, labor markets, taxation, public expenditure, demographics to environment. The publication contains a large number of figures accompanied with short explanatory text. It illustrates Finland's economic performance and economic policy compared with other countries.

15.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Western & Southern

COLLATION: GERMANY

TITLE: Germany : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 7

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 185 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 7)

ISBN: 978-92-64-04348-0

SUBJECT: <Germany> <economic indicators> <economic growth> <education> <labour market>

SYNOPSIS: Following a prolonged period of stagnation, Germany has been enjoying a vigorous recovery. Business and government finances are robust, laying a solid foundation for a continuation of the upswing provided that headwinds from the global financial market turmoil do not become overwhelming. Nevertheless, for high economic growth to last beyond the cyclical upswing, it will be necessary to raise the growth rate of potential output

16.

SIGNUM: ADB Collection

COLLATION: HOW

TITLE: How to design, negotiate and implement a free trade agreement in Asia

AUTHOR: Asian Development Bank. Office of Regional Economic Integration

PUBLISHER: Metro Manila : Asian Development Bank, 2008. - 136 p.

ISBN: 978-971-561-684-3

SUBJECT: <trade agreement> <Asia>

SYNOPSIS: This reference book, intended to complement the training courses on free trade agreements (FTAs) conducted by ADB, aims to increase the knowledge and capacity of officials who are actively involved in designing, negotiating, and implementing FTAs.

17.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Nordic countries

COLLATION: ICELAND

TITLE: Iceland : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 3

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 95 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 3)

ISBN: 978-92-64-04298-8

SUBJECT: <Iceland> <economic indicators> <inflation> <investment> <fiscal reforms>

SYNOPSIS: Following significant structural reforms and foreign direct investment projects, the Icelandic economy enjoyed several years of rapid expansion, which entailed major internal and external imbalances. While growth has slowed and imbalances have diminished, the adjustment process has been uneven, with wage developments, improving financial conditions and government measures rekindling demand and inflation pressures during the course of 2007. The economy is quite flexible and resilient but remains vulnerable to changes in foreign-investor sentiment, as evidenced by the recent volatility in the exchange rate and share prices. Thus, the key challenge for policy in the near term is to restore macroeconomic stability by ensuring that steady progress is made in unwinding imbalances.

18.

SIGNUM: 338(5) Asia / East. Southeast

COLLATION: INDONESIA

TITLE: Indonesia : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 17

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 127 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 17)

ISBN: 978-92-64-04805-8

SUBJECT: <Indonesia> <economic indicators> <investment> <economic growth> <labour market>

SYNOPSIS: OECD's first (2008) survey of Indonesia's economy reviews growth performance and key policy challenges including improving the business and investment climate and improving labour market outcomes.

19.

SIGNUM: 32

COLLATION: INSTITUTIONALIZING

TITLE: Institutionalizing northeast Asia : regional steps towards global governance

AUTHOR: Timmermann, Martina ; Tsuchiyama, Jitsuo (eds)

PUBLISHER: Tokyo : United Nations University Press, 2008. - xxi, 410 p.

ISBN: 978-92-808-1156-8

SUBJECT: <international organization> <regionalism> <international security> <Northeast Asia> <Korea> <East Asia> <politics> <global governance>

SYNOPSIS: With the threat of a nuclear North Korea, constant tensions in the Taiwan Strait, and growing posturing over resource-rich territories, how can lasting peace, order, stability, and prosperity be achieved in Northeast Asia? Globalization and China's galloping economy have caused radically different economic growth rates, resulting in constant fluctuations in the balance of power among the nations of Northeast Asia. With new emerging threats to security as well as those posed by environmental degradation and disasters, the old concept of sovereign independence no longer offers satisfactory solutions for Northeast Asia.

20.

SIGNUM: 312

COLLATION: INTERNATIONAL

TITLE: International migration, remittances, and rural development

AUTHOR: Vargas-Lundius, Rosemary ; Lanly, Guillaume ; Villarreal, Marcela ; Osorio, Martha

PUBLISHER: Rome : a copublication of the International Fund for Agricultural Development and Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, 2008. - 80 p.

ISBN: 978-92-9072-256-0

SUBJECT: <international migration> <remittances> <rural development> <poverty>

SYNOPSIS: This paper analyses the root causes of rural outmigration, focusing on its economic and social implications. It takes as its starting point the fact that mobility is inherent in human existence. Livelihoods and sociocultural changes are intimately connected with population movements. The main body of the paper presents an overview of migration and remittance flows, the role of financial institutions in leveraging remittances and the role of the diaspora in the development of communities of origin. Finally, the paper presents a discussion of future challenges linking migration to climate change, as well as the impact of transboundary diseases on agriculture and rural development.

21.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Western & Southern Europe

COLLATION: IRELAND

TITLE: Ireland : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 5

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 132 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 5)

ISBN: 978-92-64-04311-4

SUBJECT: <Ireland> <economic indicators> <economic growth> <housing markets> <financial>  
<pension> <immigrants>

SYNOPSIS: This 2008 edition of OECD's periodic survey of the Irish economy examines key economic challenges including maintaining growth, the housing market slowdown, financial stability, adapting government spending to slower revenue growth, reforming the pension system, and integrating migrants.

22.

SIGNUM: 338(5) Asia / East

COLLATION: JAPAN

TITLE: Japan : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 4

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 189 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 4)

ISBN: 978-92-64-04306-0

SUBJECT: <Japan> <economic indicators> <deflation> <tax reform> <ageing>

SYNOPSIS: This 2008 edition of OECD's periodic survey of the Japanese economy examines key challenges including bringing an end to deflation, achieving progress on fiscal consolidation, reforming the tax system, enhancing the productivity of the services sector, and coping with population ageing dualism.

23.

SIGNUM: 338(5) Asia / East & Southeast

COLLATION: KOREA

TITLE: Korea : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 21, Supplement 3

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 151 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 12/3)

ISBN: 978-92-64-05425-7

SUBJECT: <Republic of Korea> <economic indicators> <tax systems> <education> <productivity> <fiscal policy>

SYNOPSIS: This 2008 edition of OECD's periodic review of Korea's economy looks at key challenges including reforming the tax system, boosting productivity in the services sector, and sustaining growth by reforming labour markets and improving education.

24.

SIGNUM: 312

COLLATION: LUCAS R

TITLE: International migration and economic development : lessons from low-income countries

AUTHOR: Lucas, Robert E. B.

PUBLISHER: Cheltenham : Edward Elgar in association with EGDI, 2008. - xvi, 360 p.

ISBN: 978-1-84844-033-3

SUBJECT: <international migration> <migration> <economic aspects> <economic development> <labour market> <labour mobility> <skilled workers> <remittances> <developing countries> <Sweden>

SYNOPSIS: Amidst mounting global policy attention directed toward international migration, this book offers an exhaustive review of the issues and evidence linking economic development in low-income countries with their migration experiences. The diversity of outcomes is explored in the context of; migration from East Europe and from the Maghreb to the EU; contract labor from South Asia in the Persian Gulf; highly skilled migrants moving to North America; and labor circulation within East Asia.

25.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Western & Southern Europe

COLLATION: LUXEMBOURG

TITLE: Luxembourg : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 12

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 146 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 :12)

ISBN: 978-92-64-04397-8

SUBJECT: <Luxembourg> <economic indicators> <fiscal policy> <education> <health care>

SYNOPSIS: This 2008 edition of OECD's periodic survey of Luxembourg's economy focuses on key challenges being faced including whether the financial sector can continue being the main growth engine, adapting fiscal policies to slower tax revenues, enhancing efficiency in health care, and increasing student abilities by giving schools more autonomy.

26.

SIGNUM: 65

COLLATION: MAKING

TITLE: Making poor nations rich : entrepreneurship and the process of economic development

AUTHOR: Powell, Benjamin (ed)

PUBLISHER: Stanford, California : Stanford University Press, 2008. - xxi, 452 p.

ISBN: 978-0-8047-5732-4

SUBJECT: <entrepreneurship> <economic development> <institutions> <China> <India> <New Zealand> <Botswana> <Ireland>

SYNOPSIS: Through a collection of case studies from Asia and Africa to Latin America and Europe, Making Poor Nations Rich argues for examining the critical role entrepreneurs and the institutional environment of private property rights and economic freedom play in economic development. Making Poor Nations Rich begins by explaining how entrepreneurs create economic growth and why some institutional environments encourage more productive entrepreneurship than others. The volume then addresses countries and regions that have failed to develop because of barriers to entrepreneurship. Finally, the authors turn to countries that have developed by reforming their institutional environment to protect private property rights and grant greater levels of economic freedom. The overall lesson from

this volume is clear: pro-market reforms are essential to promoting the productive entrepreneurship that leads to economic growth. In countries where this institutional environment is lacking, sustained economic development will remain illusive.

27.

SIGNUM: ADB Collection

COLLATION: MANAGING

TITLE: Managing Asian cities : sustainable and inclusive urban solutions

AUTHOR: Asian Development Bank

PUBLISHER: Manila : Asian Development Bank, 2008. - 300 p.

ISBN: 978-971-561-698-0

SUBJECT: <cities> <urban areas> <megacities> <city management> <sustainable environment>

SYNOPSIS: The challenge of urbanization in Asia is unprecedented : some 1.1 billion people will move to cities in the next 20 years. Managing Asian Cities aims to provide a useful management resource, canvassing key issues and pointing managers to appropriate responses to problems; and, second, provide the initial step in a new phase of ADB's continuing support to Asian cities under its Strategy 2020.

28.

SIGNUM: ADB Collection

COLLATION: NATIONAL

TITLE: National accounts of the People's Republic of China : measurement issues, recent developments and the way forward

AUTHOR: Pant, Bishnu Dev (ed)

PUBLISHER: Metro, Manila : Asian Development Bank, 2007. - 217 p.

ISBN: 978-971-561-625-6

SUBJECT: <national accounts> <statistics> <macroeconomics> <measurements> <labour productivity>

SYNOPSIS: This Highlights of The National Accounts of the People's Republic of China: Measurement Issues, Recent Developments and the Way Forward examines issues pertaining to the national accounts system, related macroeconomic statistics, and measurement issues in the PRC's services sector.

29.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Western & Southern Europe

COLLATION: NETHERLANDS

TITLE: Netherlands : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 1

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 147 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 1)

ISBN: 978-92-64-04076-2

SUBJECT: <Netherlands> <economic indicators> <ageing> <immigrants> <standard of living>

SYNOPSIS: This 2008 Economic Survey looks at how, after a long stagnation during the first half of the decade, the Dutch economy has made a successful comeback. Living standards in the Netherlands are among the highest in the OECD, and over recent years growth has strengthened and unemployment has

fallen. This most recent survey focuses on labour utilisation, which has been the main source of growth in the past decade, but which is likely to slow sharply with the ageing of the Dutch population. Improving work incentives is therefore a key imperative. Although labour-market participation rates are high, there are several groups who continue to be less active. This survey looks at the challenges threatening the prosperity of the Dutch economy, which include: addressing the effects of population ageing on the sustainability of the public finances; boosting the labour market involvement of under-participating groups; helping parents reconcile work and family responsibilities; and improving the immigration policy and the integration of migrants.

30.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Nordic countries

COLLATION: NORWAY

TITLE: Norway: OECD economic surveys 2008 : 13

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 140 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 13)

ISBN: 978-92-64-04553-8

SUBJECT: <Norway> <economic indicators> <economic growth> <employment> <education> <labour market> <immigrants>

SYNOPSIS: The OECD's periodic review of Norway's economy. It finds that Norway has seen several years of strong growth and very low unemployment, but that it will not be untouched by the current slowdown. The survey examines three key economic challenges: policies for a soft landing, the labour market and immigration, and making the best of Norwegian schools.

31.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Western & Southern Europe

COLLATION: PORTUGAL

TITLE: Portugal : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 9

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 140 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 9)

ISBN: 978-92-64-04386-2

SUBJECT: <Portugal> <economic indicators> <fiscal policy> <labour market>

SYNOPSIS: OECD's periodic review of the Portuguese economy. This 2008 edition focuses on several key challenges including securing fiscal consolidation, maximising the gains from integration into the world economy, and improving the functioning of the labour market.

32.

SIGNUM: ADB Collection

COLLATION: POVERTY

TITLE: Poverty, health and ecosystems : experience from Asia

AUTHOR: Steele, Paul ; Oviedo, Gonzalo ; McCauley, David (eds)

PUBLISHER: Manila : Asian Development Bank, 2007. - xvii, 220 p.

ISBN: 978-971-561-611-9

SUBJECT: <poverty> <health> <Asia> <rural Asia> <ecosystems>

SYNOPSIS: This study looks at these relationships from four perspectives, examining the links in rural Asia among : \* poverty, livelihoods, and ecosystems; \* poverty, health, and ecosystems; \* poverty, biological diversity conservation, and \* sustainable natural resources use; and \* poverty, governance patterns, and response measures to effect positive change for people and ecosystems. These four main themes are addressed through 16 case studies with wide scope, geographical coverage, and diversity of authorship.

33.

SIGNUM: IntOrg UNU-WIDER

COLLATION: RESEARCH PAPER

TITLE: Source of finance, growth and firm size : evidence from China

AUTHOR: Jun, Du ; Sourafel, Girma

PUBLISHER: Helsinki : UNU World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), 2009. - 34 p.

SERIES: (WIDER Research Papers, ISSN 1810-2611 ; 2009/03)

ISBN: 978-92-92301-72-9

SUBJECT: <China> <finance> <firm size> <growth>

SYNOPSIS: Using a comprehensive firm-level dataset spanning the period 1998-2005, this paper provides a thorough investigation of the relationship between firm size, total factor productivity growth and financial structure in China, controlling for the endogeneity of the latter. Generally, it finds financing source matters for firms of different size, and the extent to which financing source matters for firm growth is greater for small firms than big firms. Self-raised finance appears to be most effective in promoting small firms to grow, and bank loan seems to be more supportive to big firms. The relationship between size, finance and growth also depends on ownership. In addition, there exist strong complementarities between formal and informal finance, as well as between indigenous and foreign finance.

34.

SIGNUM: 338(6) Africa

COLLATION: SOUTH AFRICA

TITLE: South Africa : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 15

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 140 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 15)

ISBN: 978-92-64-04692-4

SUBJECT: <South Africa> <economic indicators> <economic development> <employment>

SYNOPSIS: OECD's first review of South Africa's economy. After a general overview of recent economic developments and programmes, this survey examines key challenges including reforming goods and

services markets and realising South Africa's employment potential. This publication includes StatLinks, URLs linking to Excel spreadsheet versions of tables and graphs.

35.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Western & Southern Europe

COLLATION: SPAIN

TITLE: Spain : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 19, Supplement 1

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 128 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 19/1)

ISBN: 978-92-64-05503-2

SUBJECT: <Spain> <economic indicators> <education> <macroeconomics> <labour markets>

SYNOPSIS: This edition of OECD's periodic survey of Spain's economy examines challenges being faced including that of improving the education system, improving the matching of workers to jobs, and fostering competition in product markets to boost productivity.

36.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Nordic countries

COLLATION: SWEDEN

TITLE: Sweden : OECD economic surveys 2008 : 20, Supplement 2

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008. - 138 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2008 : 20/2)

ISBN: 978-92-64-05423-3

SUBJECT: <Sweden> <economic indicators> <economic crisis> <youth employment> <fiscal policy> <tax reform> <education> <privatisation>

SYNOPSIS: This 2008 edition of OECD's periodic survey of Sweden's economy addresses key economic challenges including the current economic crisis and fiscal policy, tax reform, education and youth employment, and the next phase of privatisation.

37.

SIGNUM: 330.34

COLLATION: UNEVEN

TITLE: Uneven economic development

AUTHOR: Ocampo, José Antonia ; Vos, Rob (eds)

PUBLISHER: London : Zed Books Limited in association with the United Nations, 2008. - (x), 229 p.

ISBN: 978-1-84813-195-8

SUBJECT: <development economics> <economic development> <development studies> <economic growth> <macroeconomics> <trade>

SYNOPSIS: Inequality in the world is high and rising. The problem of global uneven development is central to, and inseparable from, the international development agenda. In Uneven Economic Development, leading economists and development experts examine the causes and implications of international economic divergences. This comprehensive and timely book reviews economic growth and structural change patterns since the 1960s, before critically reviewing the respective role and impact of trade liberalization, macroeconomic policies, governance and institutions on comparative national

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