

THE GLOBALIZATION AT A CROSSROAD AND LATIN AMERICA
WITH ITS STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS
The complementarity between industrial and social policies

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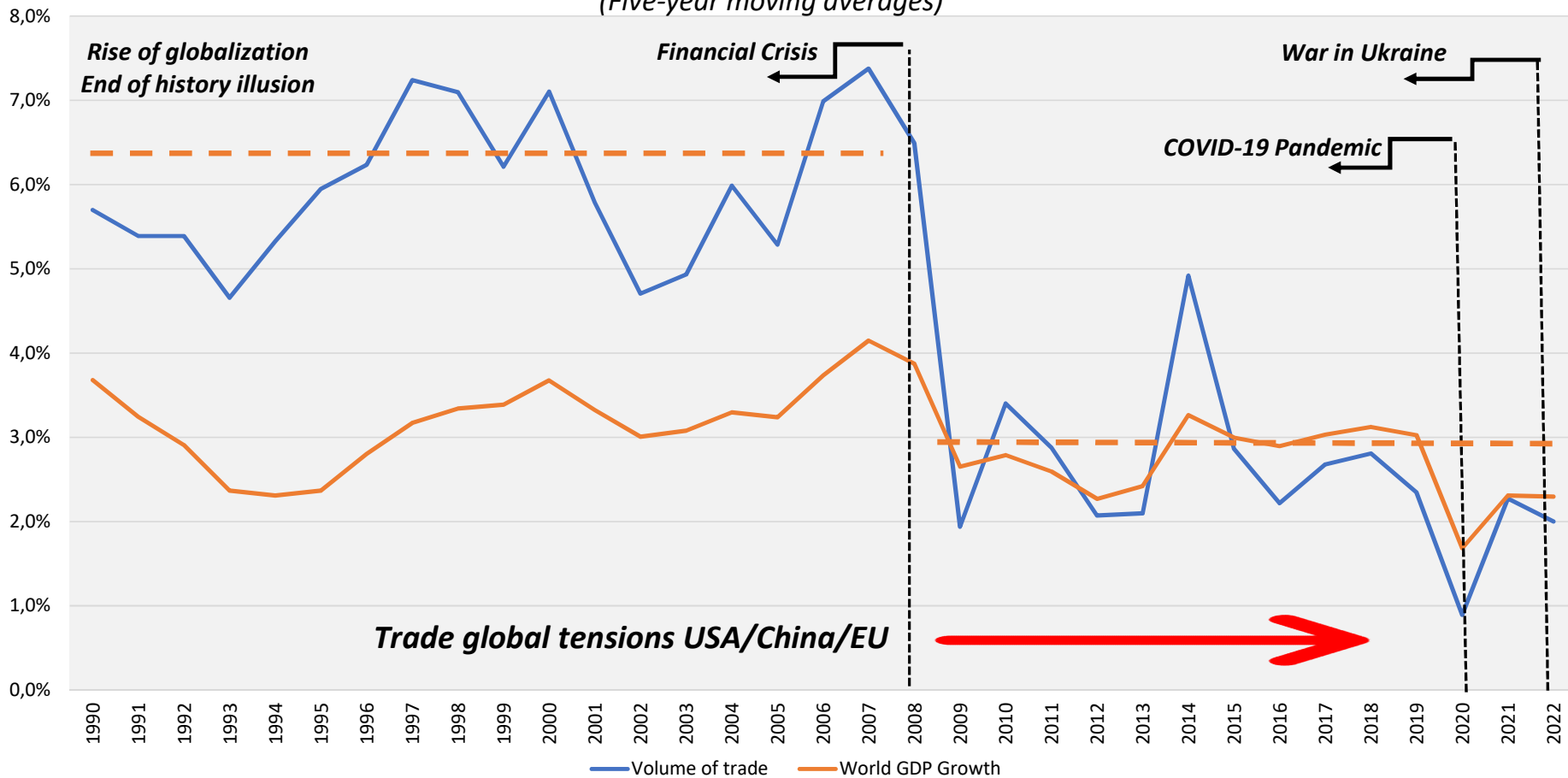
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Not one crisis, but a succession of accumulative shocks

Growth in world GDP and trade, 1990–2022
(Five-year moving averages)



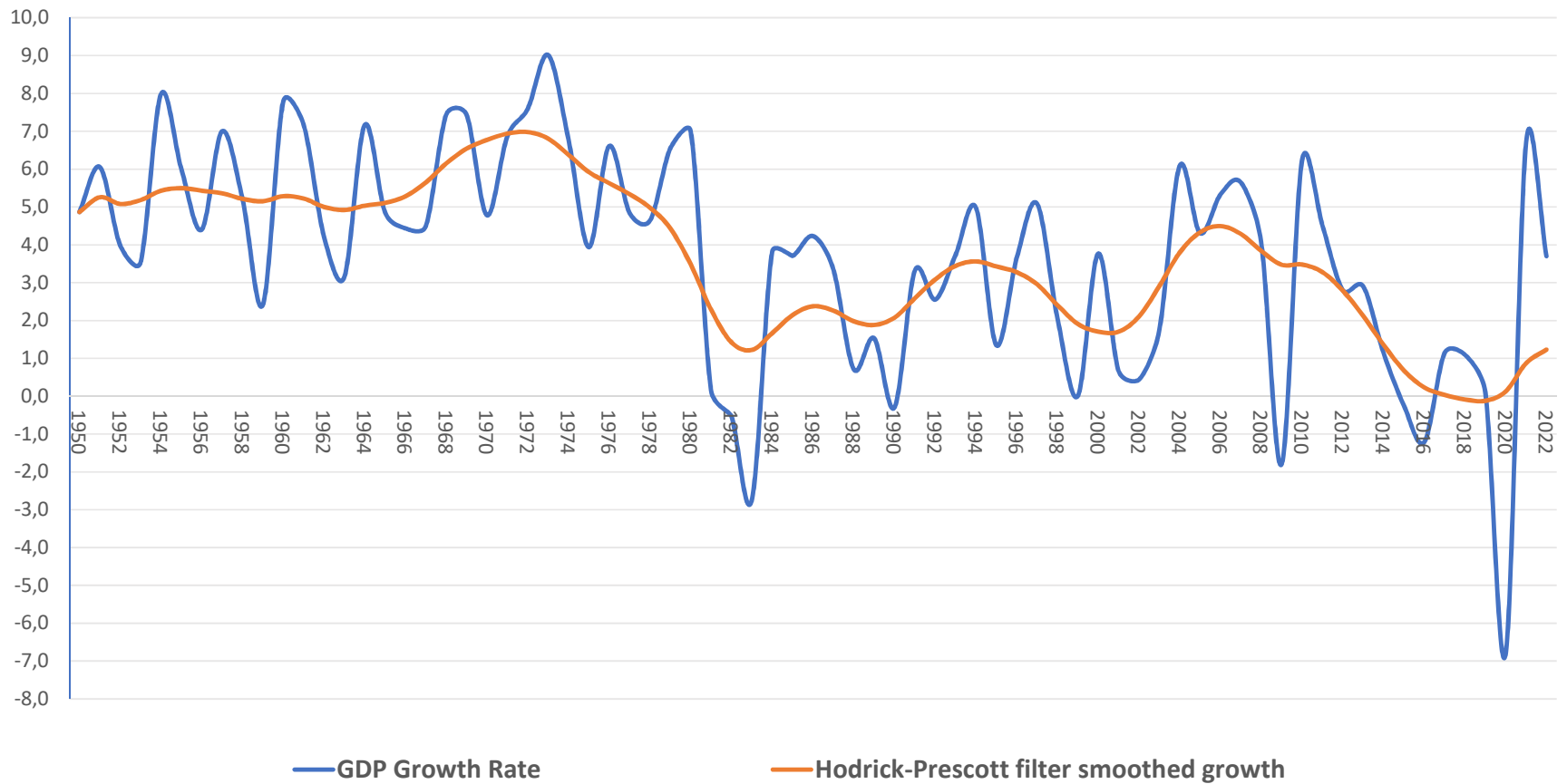
Emerging models of production Looking for national/regional resilience

Area	Existing Model	Emerging Model	Description
Business model	“Just-in-time”	“Just-in-case”	Relying on a combination of larger stocks of inputs and final products and diversification of suppliers. This approach is intended to mitigate risks of disruptions and shortages.
Organization of production	Value chain extension	Value chain shortening	Reducing the stages of production located overseas or the shares of foreign value added integrated into production.
	Offshoring	Backshoring, onshoring, reshoring or nearshoring	Shifting production to industrialized countries from developing ones (often driven by proximity to final consumers and flexibility in logistics).
		Ally and friend-shoring	Shifting production to trusted countries that adhere to core values about how to operate in the global economy and that share strategic interests.
Guiding principle of industrial and trade policy	Efficiency-seeking	Resilience-building	Engaging with trade partners and promotion of local production based on the protection of national security interests and adherence to a rules-based order to security and labour rights.
	Market-seeking		
Foreign trade paradigm	Globalization	“New Bretton Woods”	“Free but secure trade” , including measures to ensure the continuity of strategic supplies during times of crises. Trade relations shifting away from multilateralism and strategic competitors; reappraisal of regional and bilateral solutions.

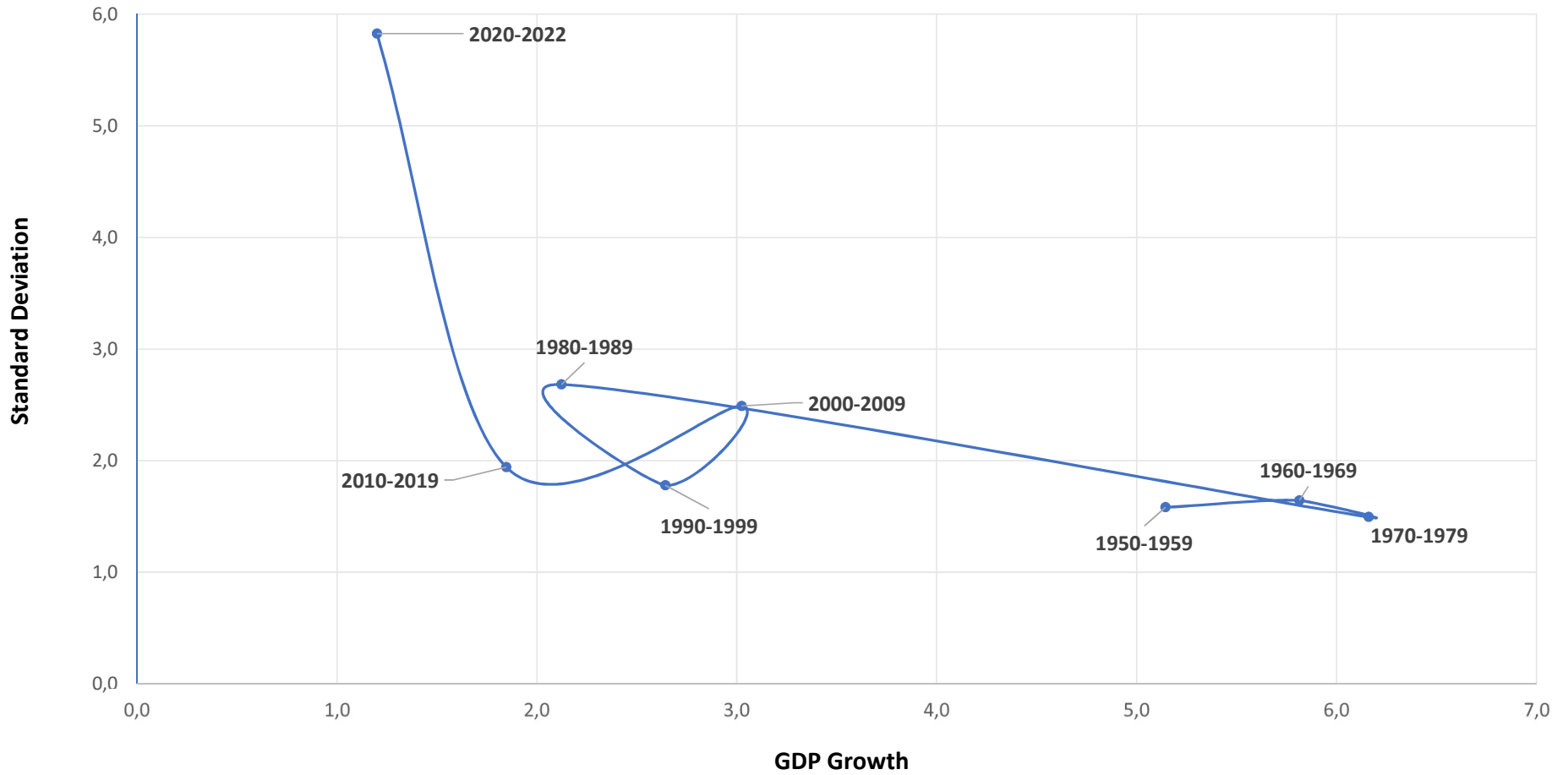
Beyond specialization: the comparative advantages *à la carte*

Factor	Impact	Effect
Geopolitical	Trade conflicts first and the war now have shown that geopolitical conflicts have impacts on specific GVC and knowledge hubs (digital technologies, fertilizers, wheat).	Geographic and supplier diversification and domestic development of strategic production
Technological	Digital technologies and automation are strategic assets and are changing sectoral borders	Investments in digital-technological capabilities development. Race to technology control (public incentives to technology development and possible «blocks» based on technologies and standards)
Environmental	Extreme effects of climate change might affect specific countries and/or production hubs and propagation effects can be high. Increasing environmental regulations.	Supplier diversification, shortening of production chains. Changes in location decisions.
COVID-19	Longer value chains are more exposed to «global risks». During crisis coordination and international regulations collapse.	Suppliers resilience and diversification. Regionalization and reshoring.

Unstable/poor (structural) growth in Latin America, 1950-2022

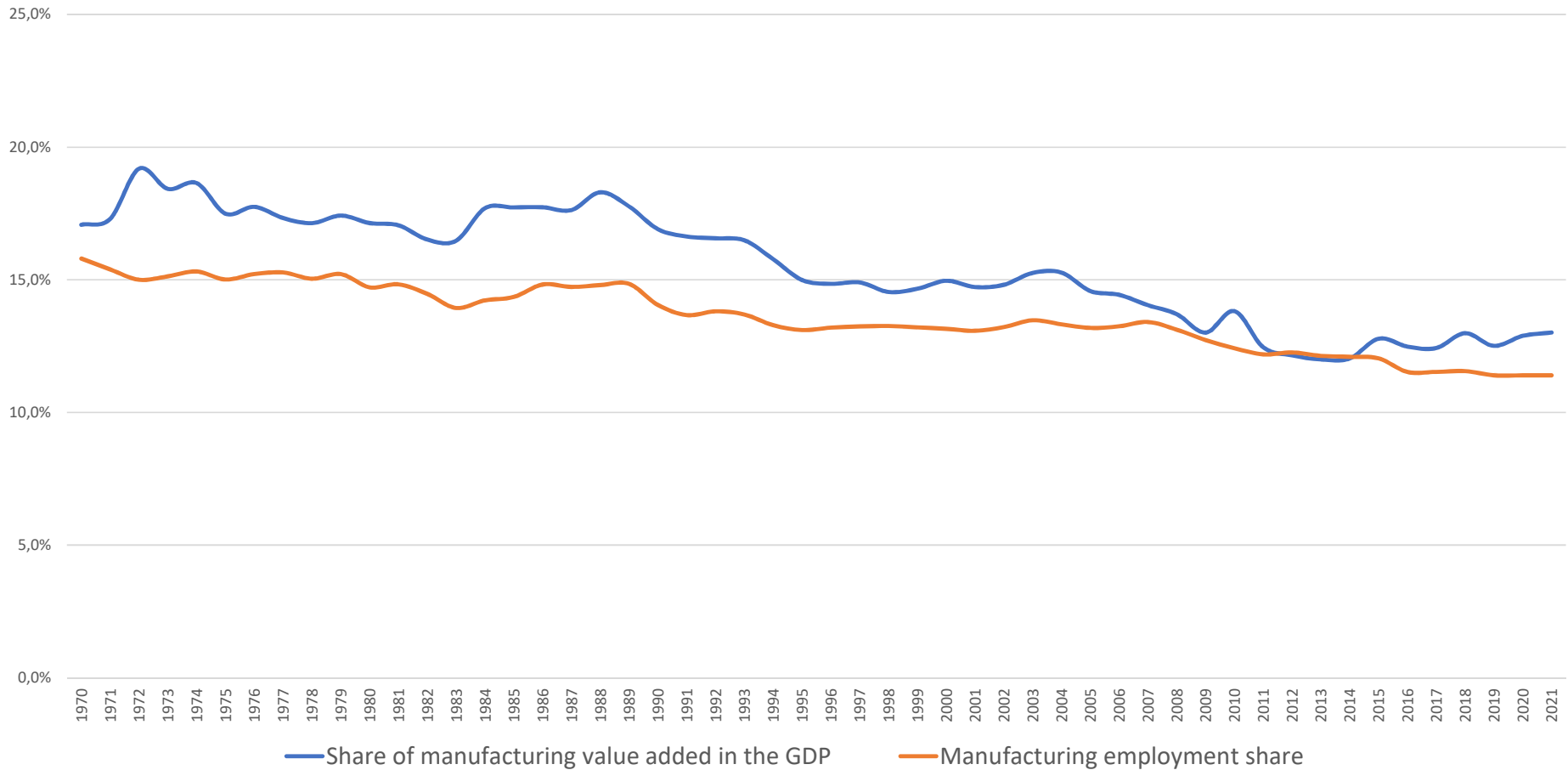


High volatility growth in Latin America, 1950-2022



Premature and persistent deindustrialization

LAC: Share of manufacturing value added and employment in GDP – 1970-2021



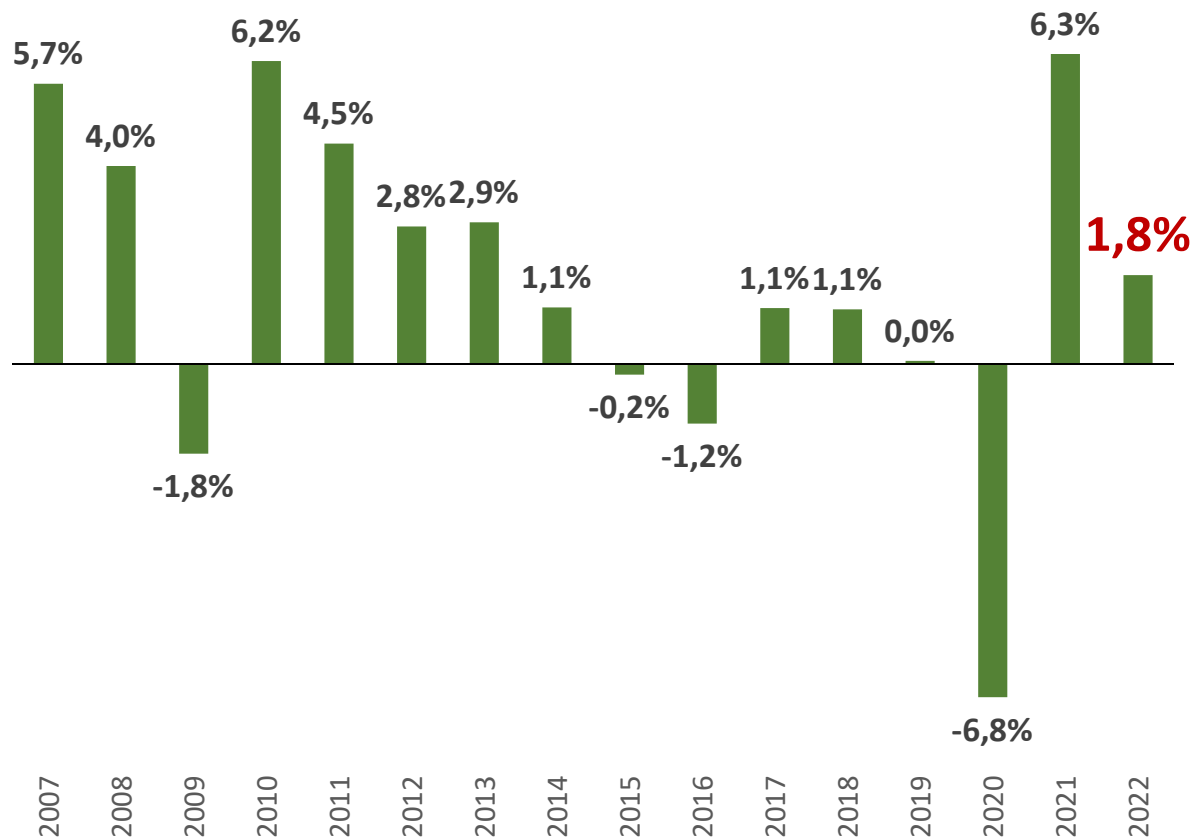
Worse forecasts for growth

2014–2019: a meagre 0.3% per year

Following the rally in 2021,
we estimated growth of 1.8% in 2022

0.3 percentage points less than
we forecast in January

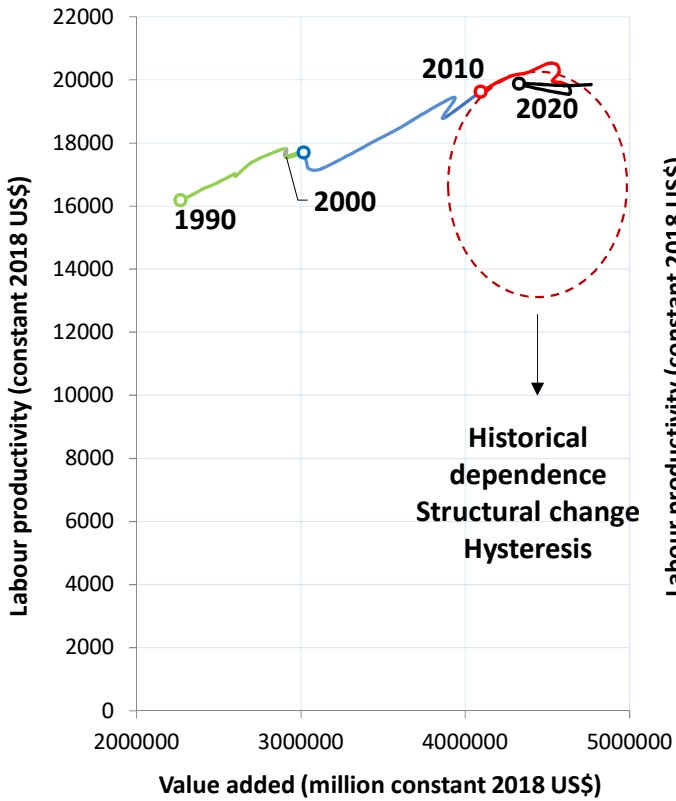
GDP growth, 2007–2022
(Percentages)



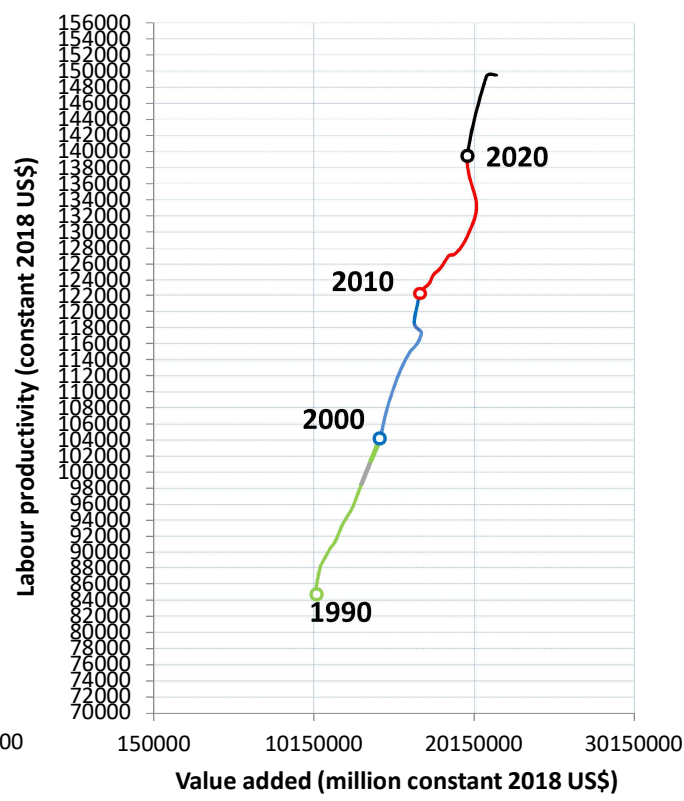
Dynamics of learning paths: transition/hysteresis vs a virtuous path

Labor productivity and value added, Latin America, United States and China

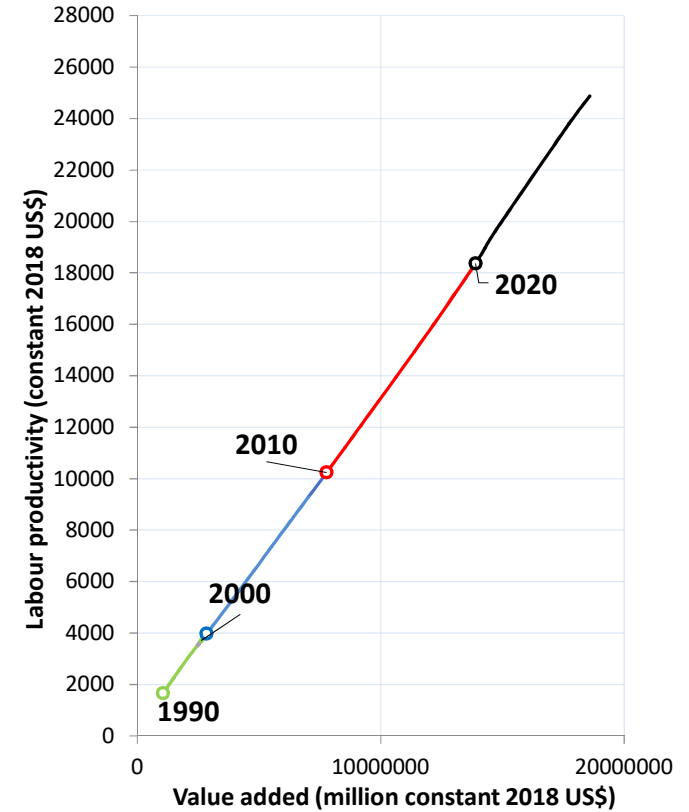
Latin America, 1990-2022



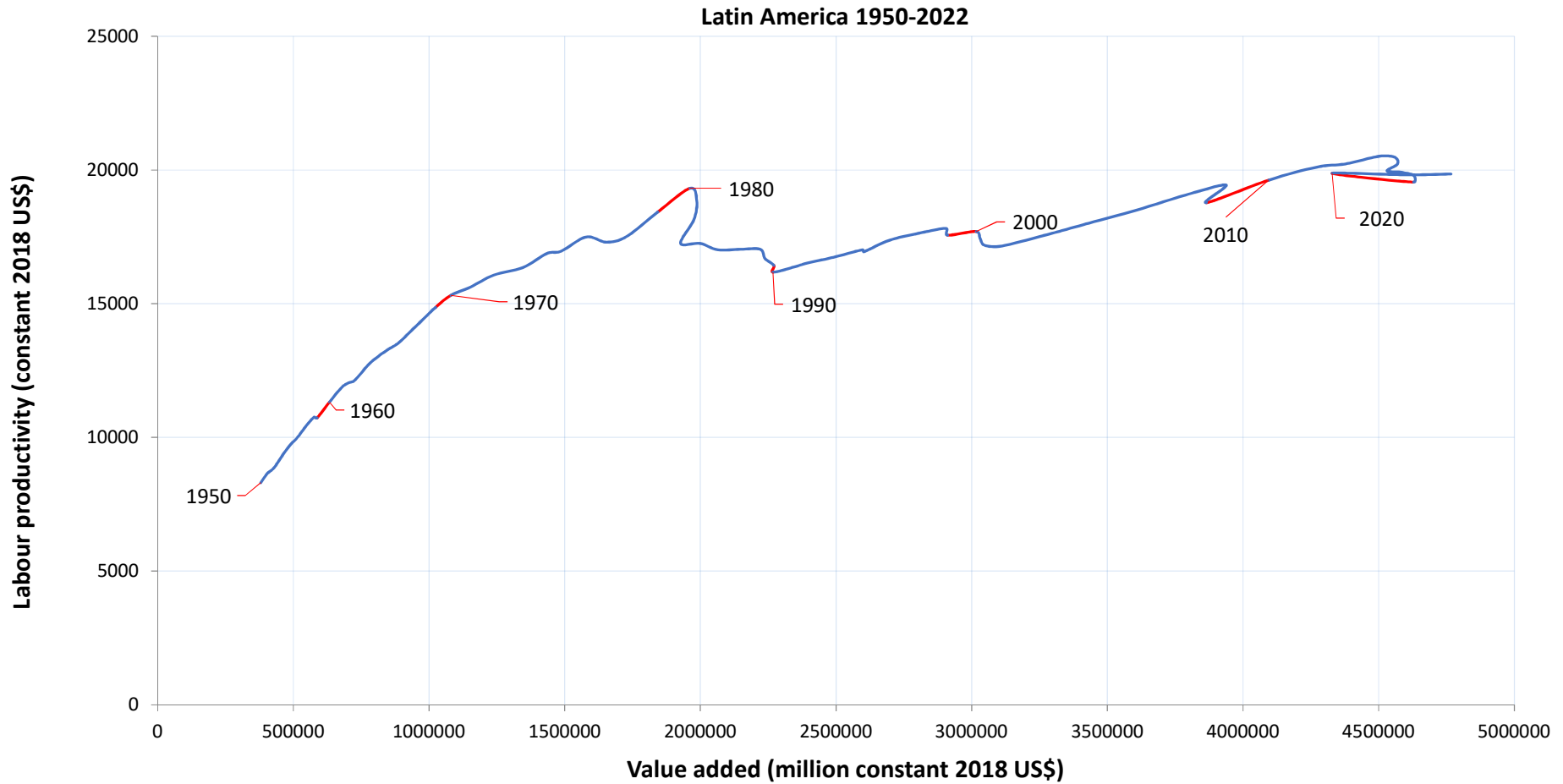
United States, 1990-2022



China, 1990-2022



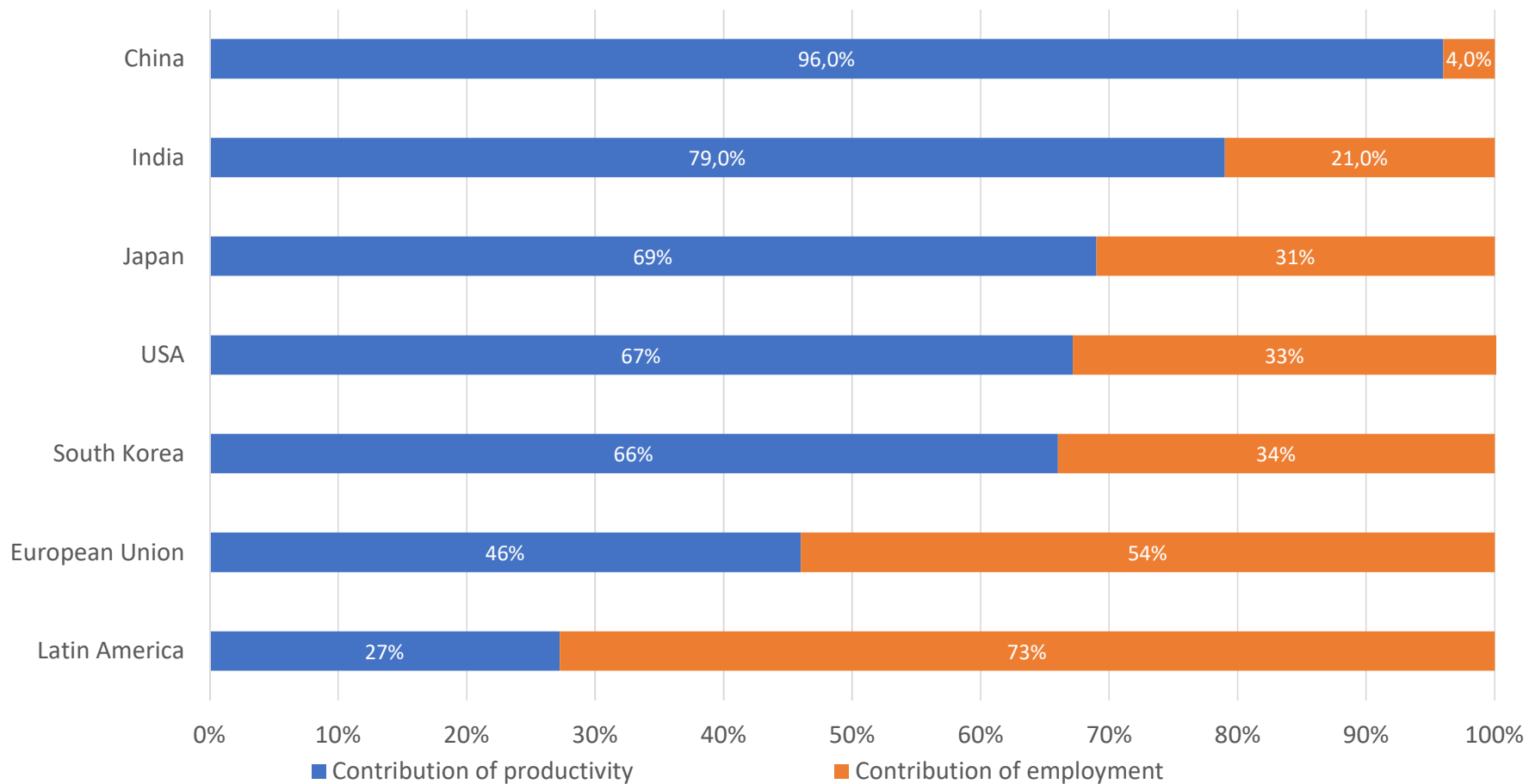
Traverse and hysteresis in Latin America, 1950-2022



Structural change has been weak in Latin America and the Caribbean

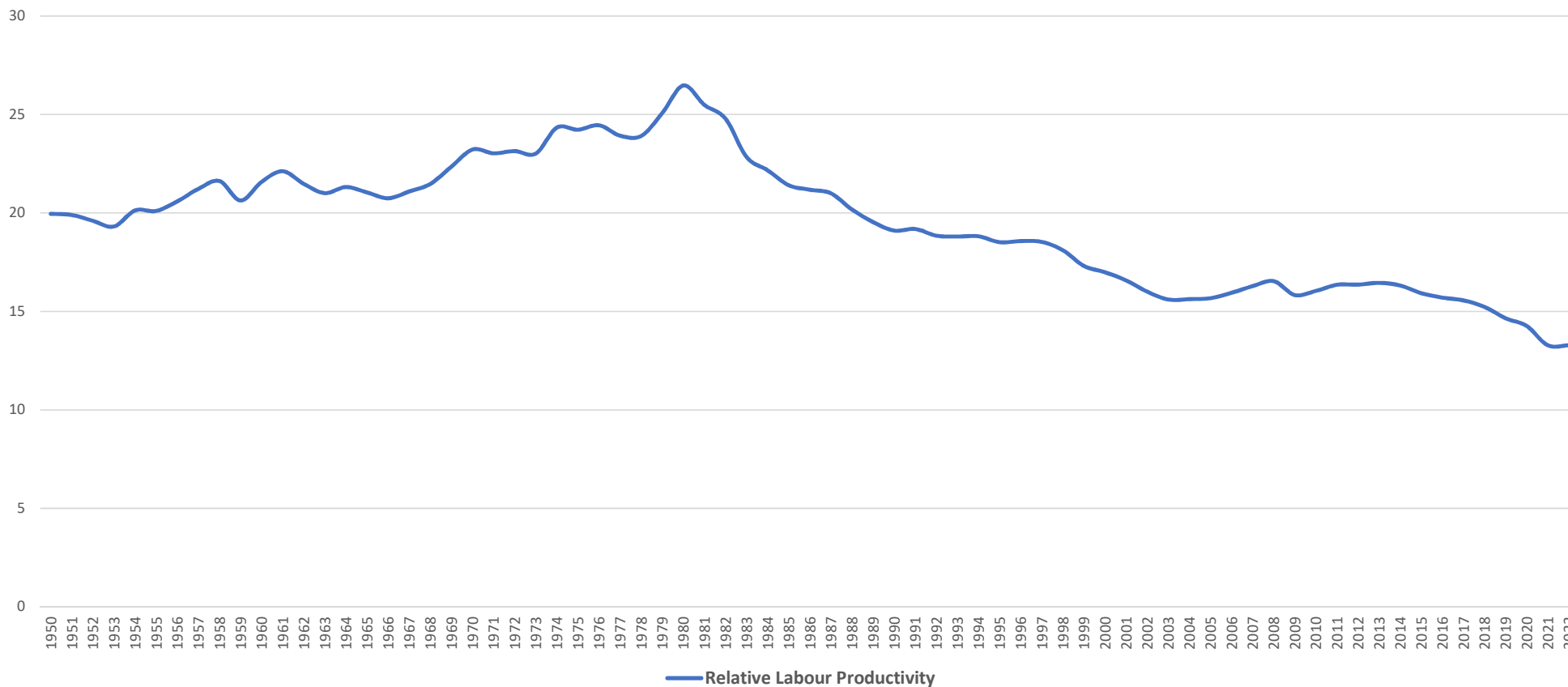


Decomposition of GDP growth, 1990-2022



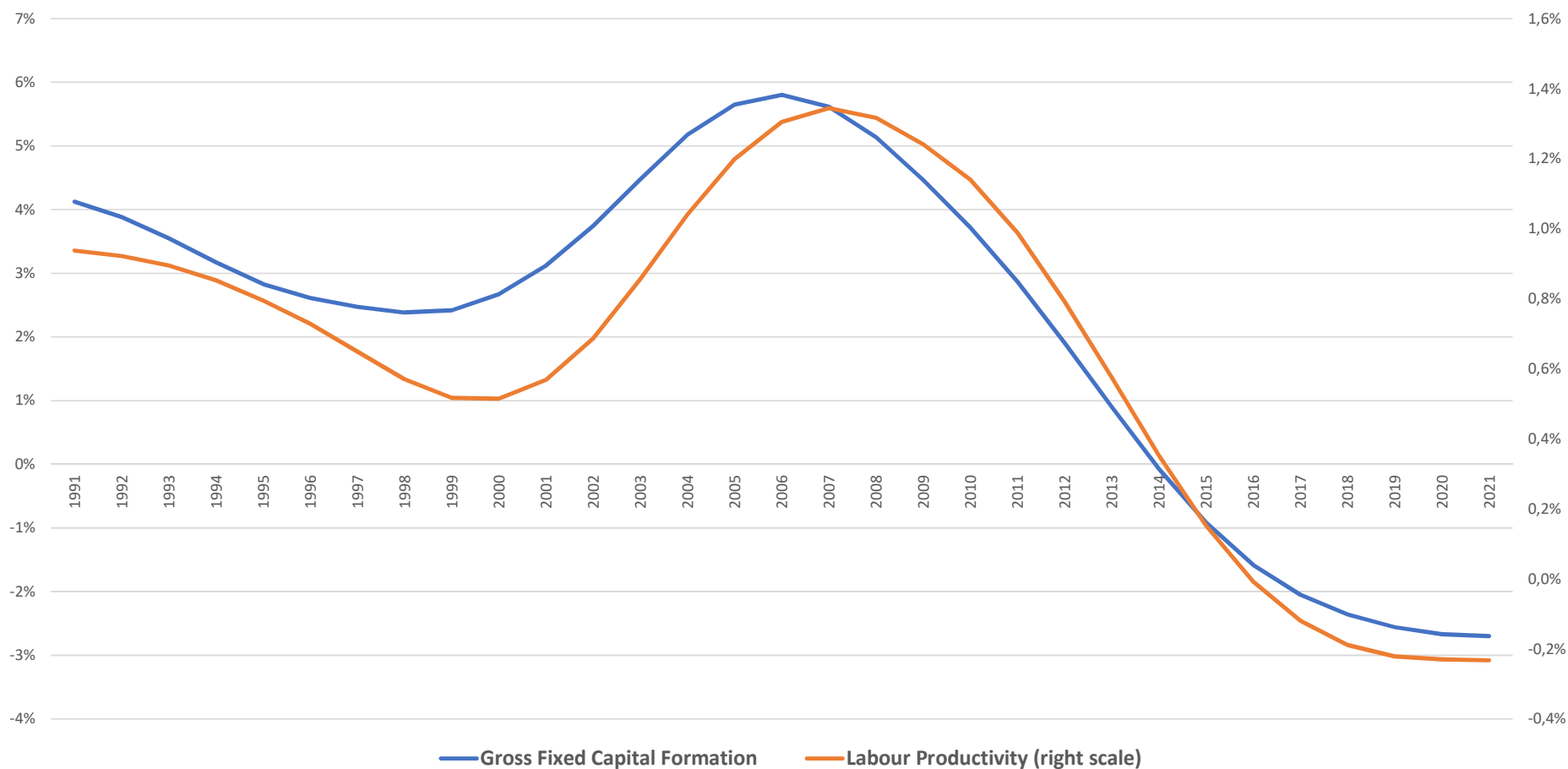
Latin America has lagged behind in relative productivity

LAC: Relative productivity wrt the US: 1970-2022

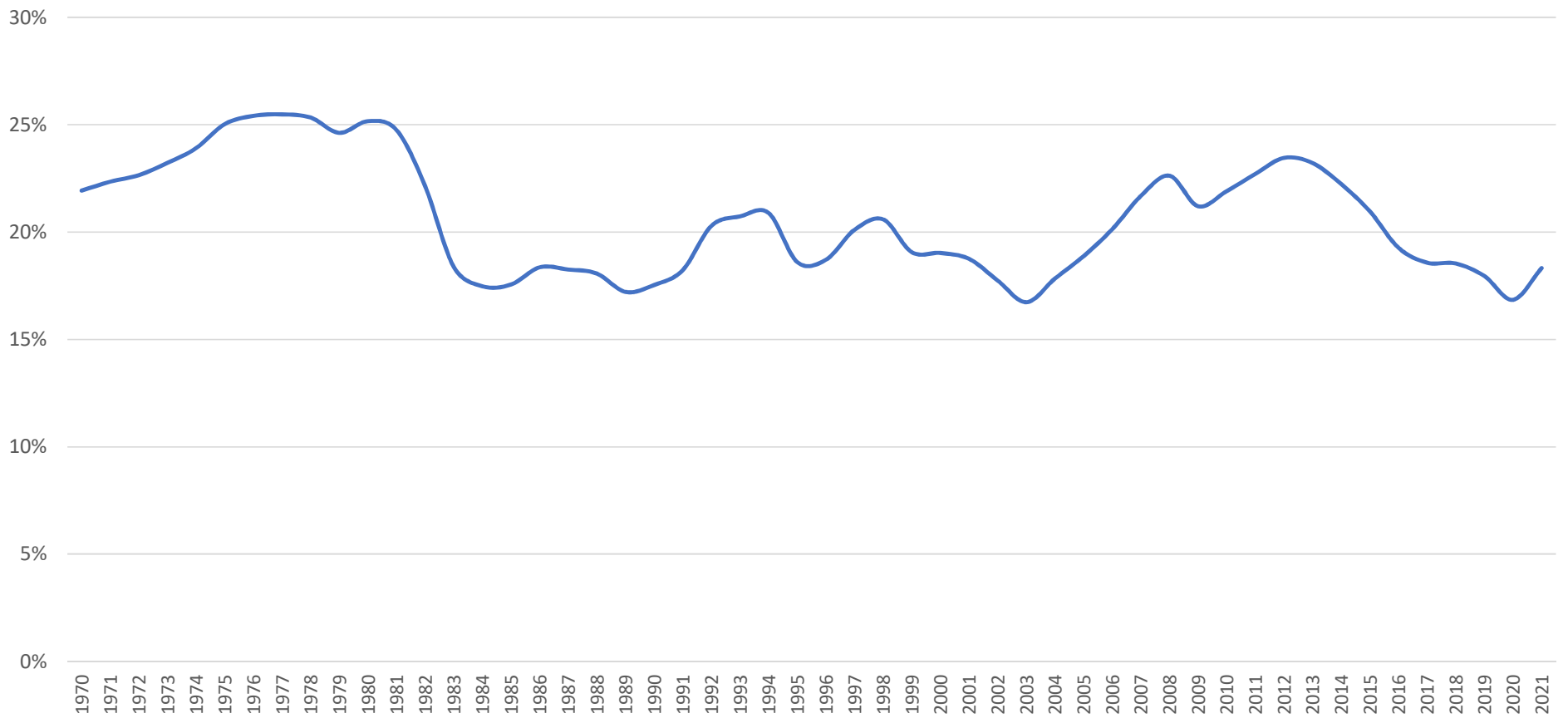


Meanwhile investment and productivity continue to drop over the last decade

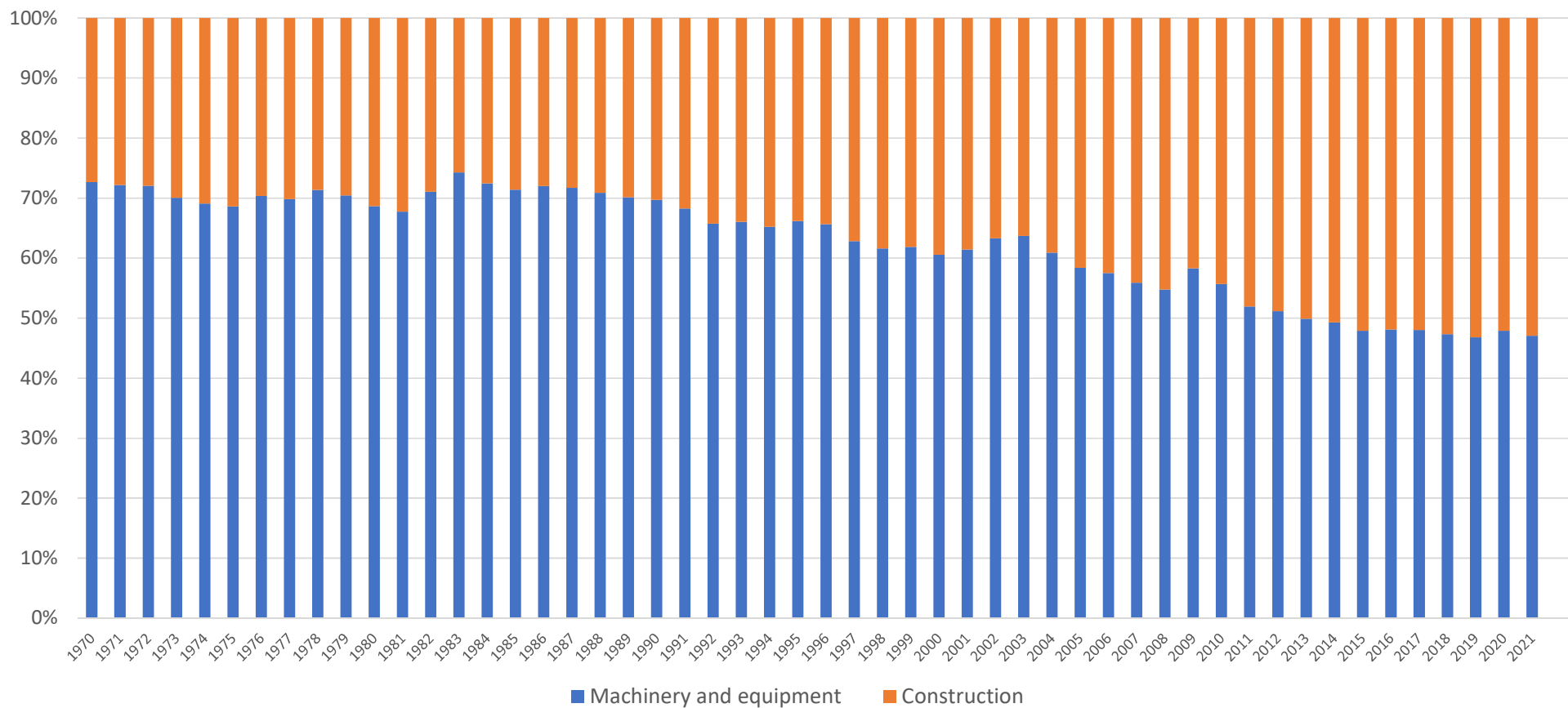
Latin America and the Caribbean: trend rates of change in labor productivity and gross fixed capital formation, 1991-2021



Public and private gross fixed capital formation as a percentage of GDP in Latin America, 1970-2021

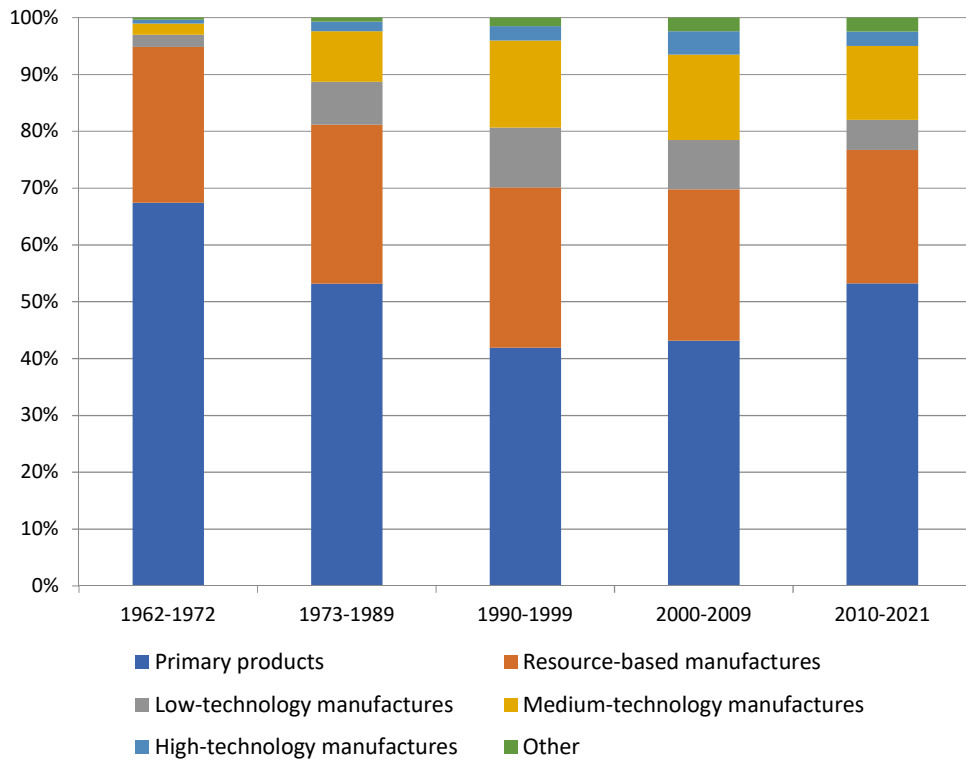


Public/private gross fixed capital formation construction and machinery/equipment % in total capital Latin America, 1970-2021

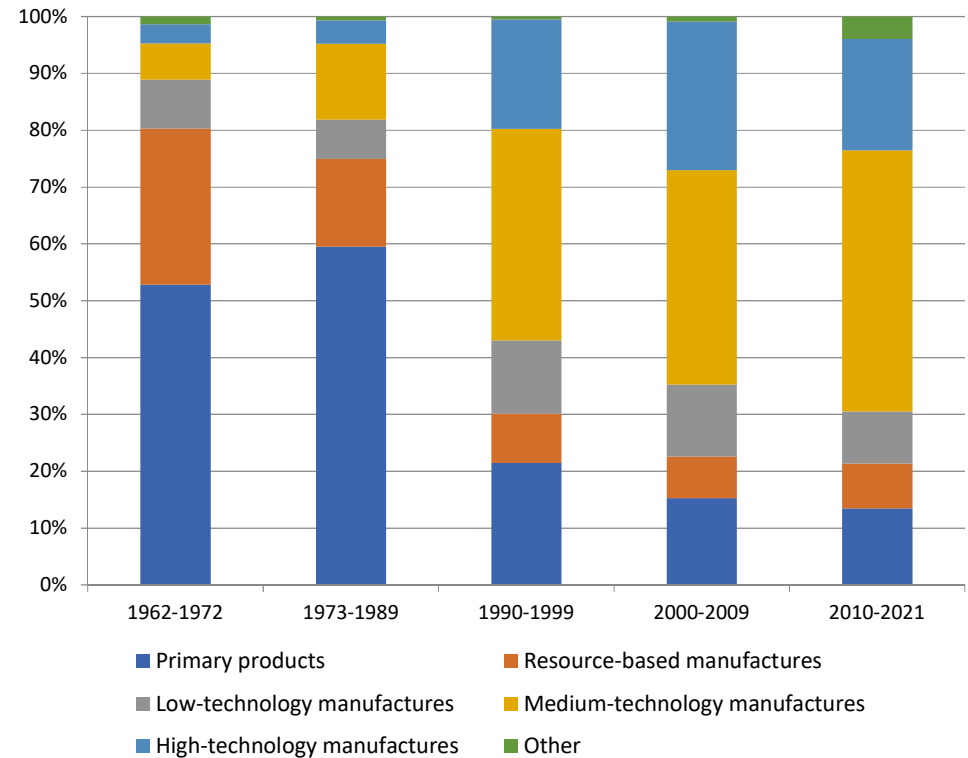


Exports are poorly diversified and Mexico accounts for the bulk of sophisticated activities

Exports composition: LAC (w/o Mexico)

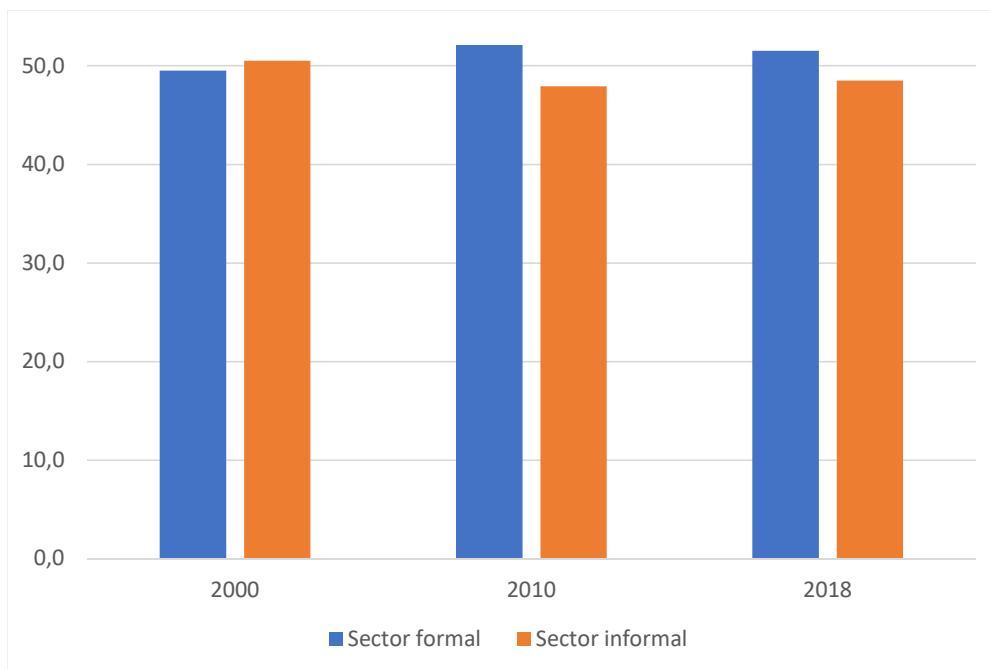


Exports composition: Mexico

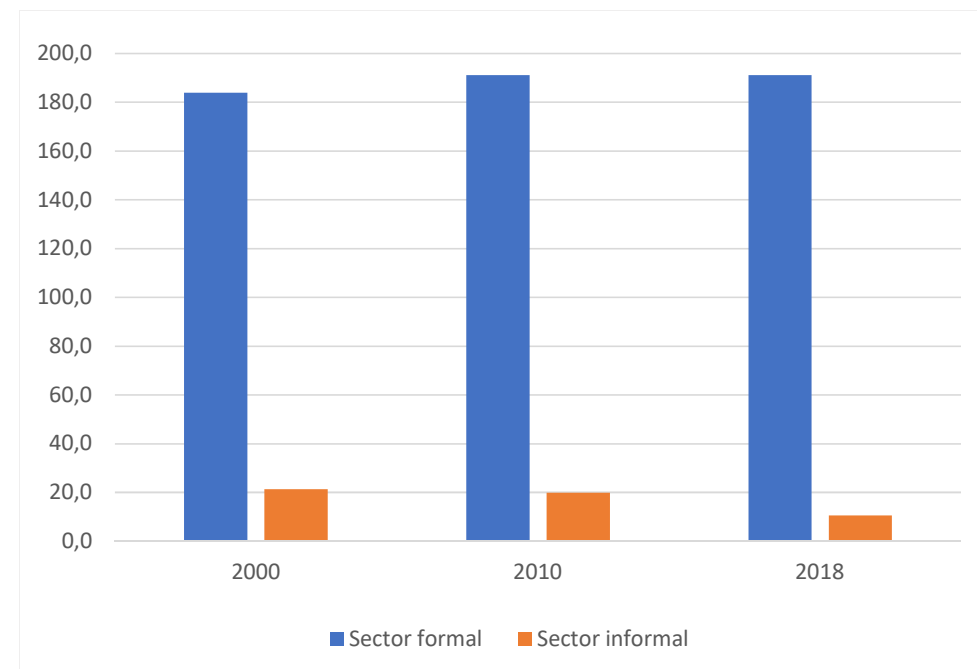


Employment and productivity informal and informal sectors in Latin America

Distribution of employment between the informal and formal sectors (% of workers)

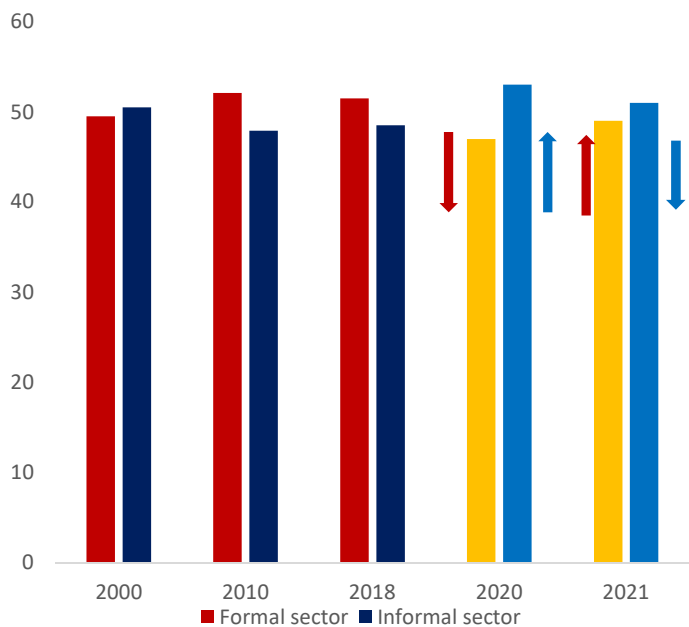


Labor productivity, informal and formal sectors (overall productivity=100)

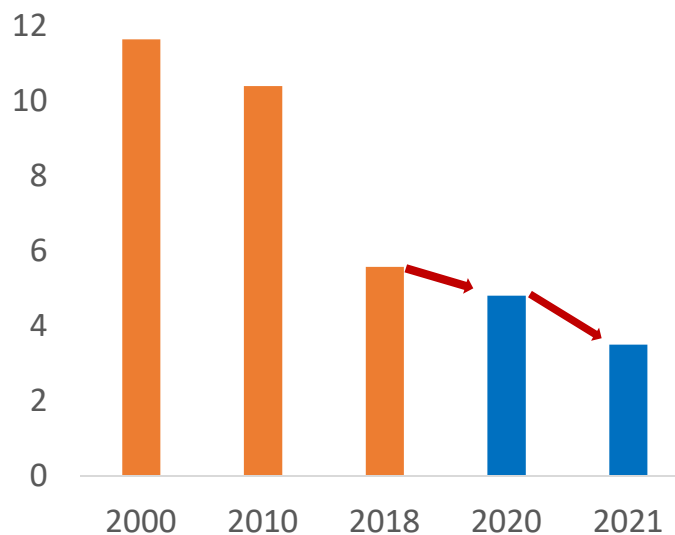


Informality: wage and productivity gaps

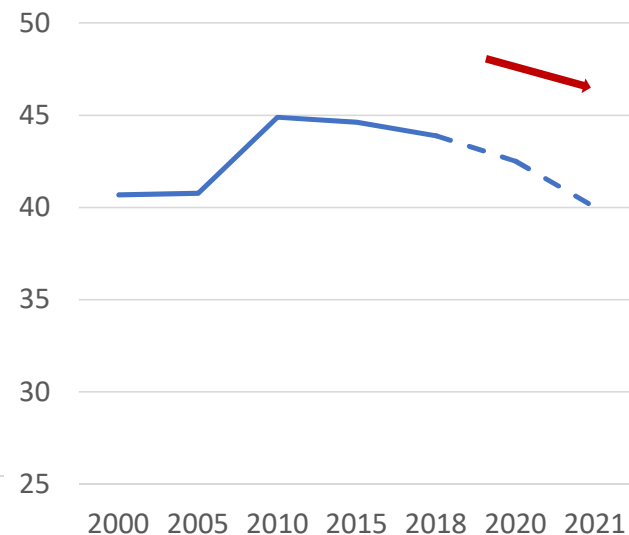
Distribution of employment between the formal and informal sectors
(% of workers)



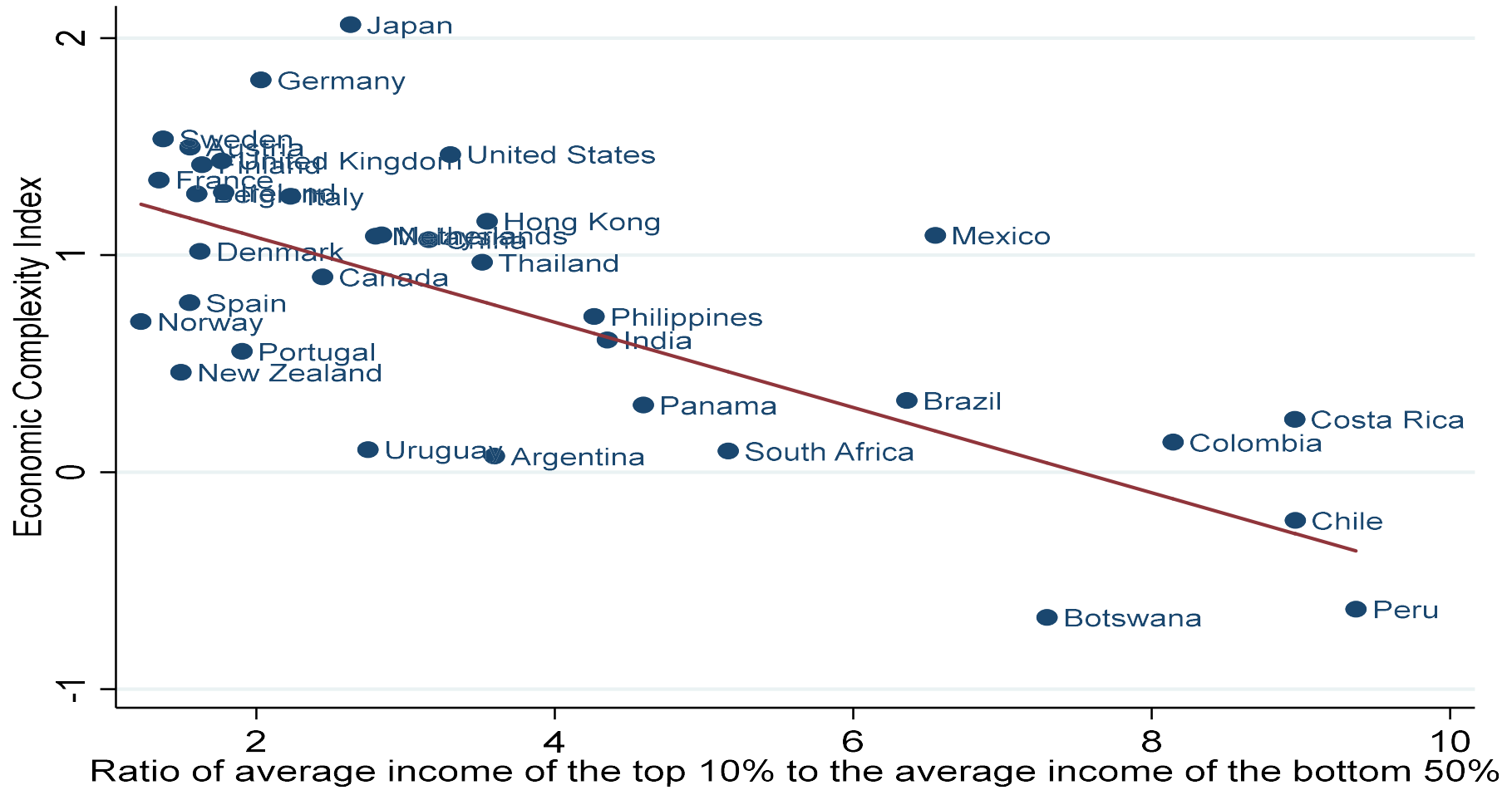
Productivity gap between the formal and informal sectors
(*Informal-sector productivity/formal-sector productivity*)

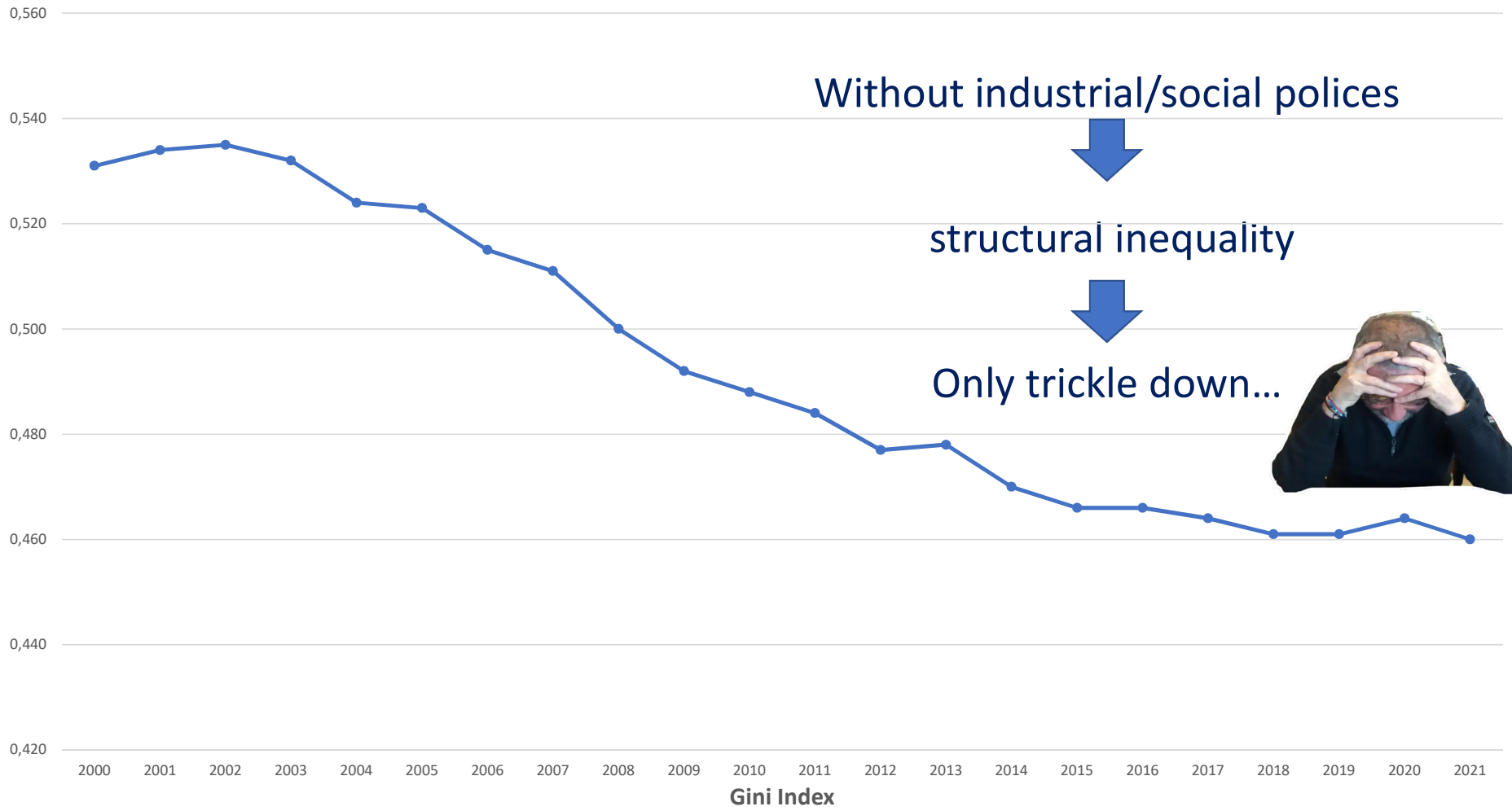


Wage gap between the formal and informal sectors
(*Informal-sector wage/formal-sector wage*)



Production structure and income distribution: more complexity better distribution (2021)





Without industrial/social polices



structural inequality

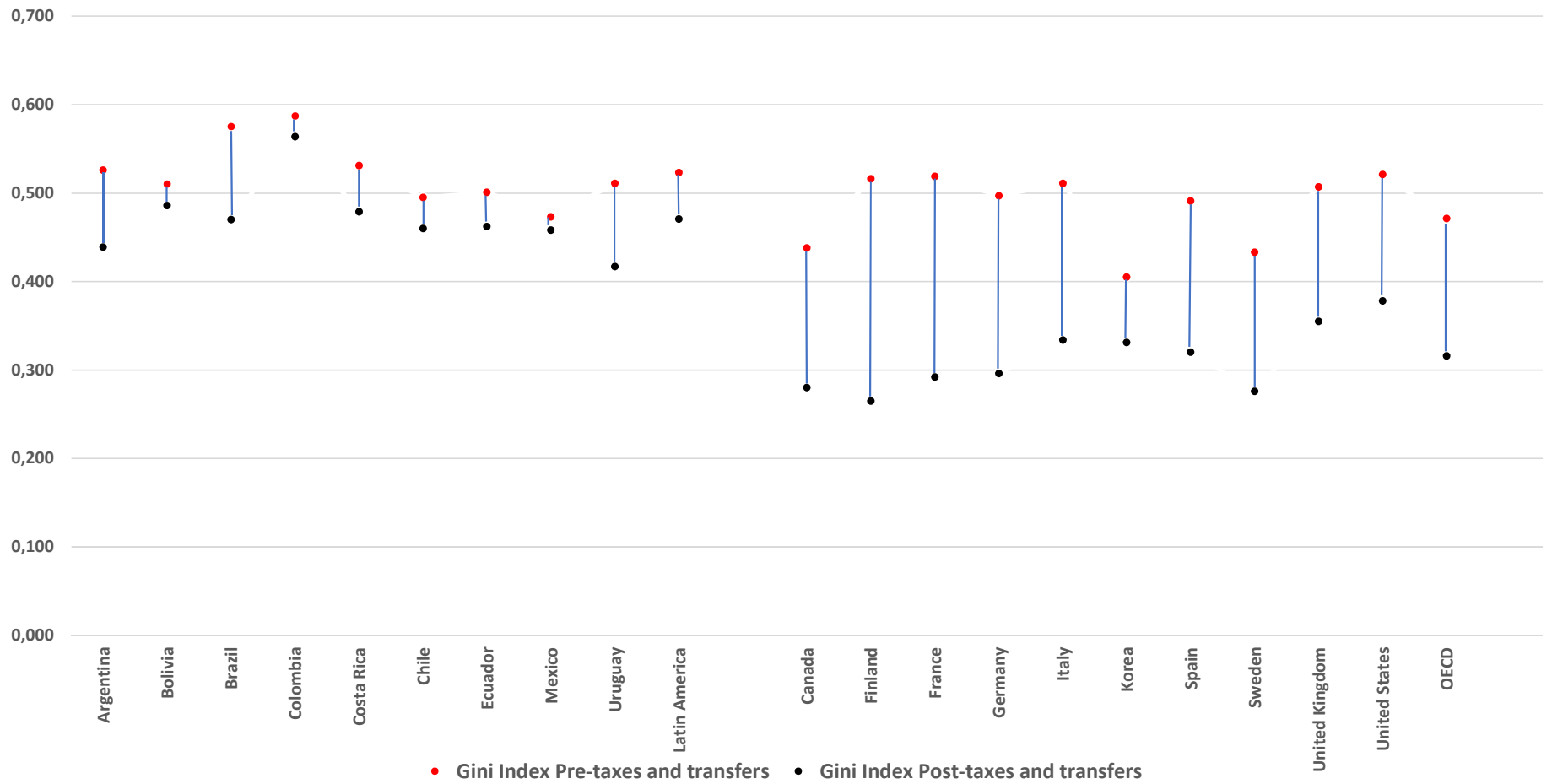


Only trickle down...



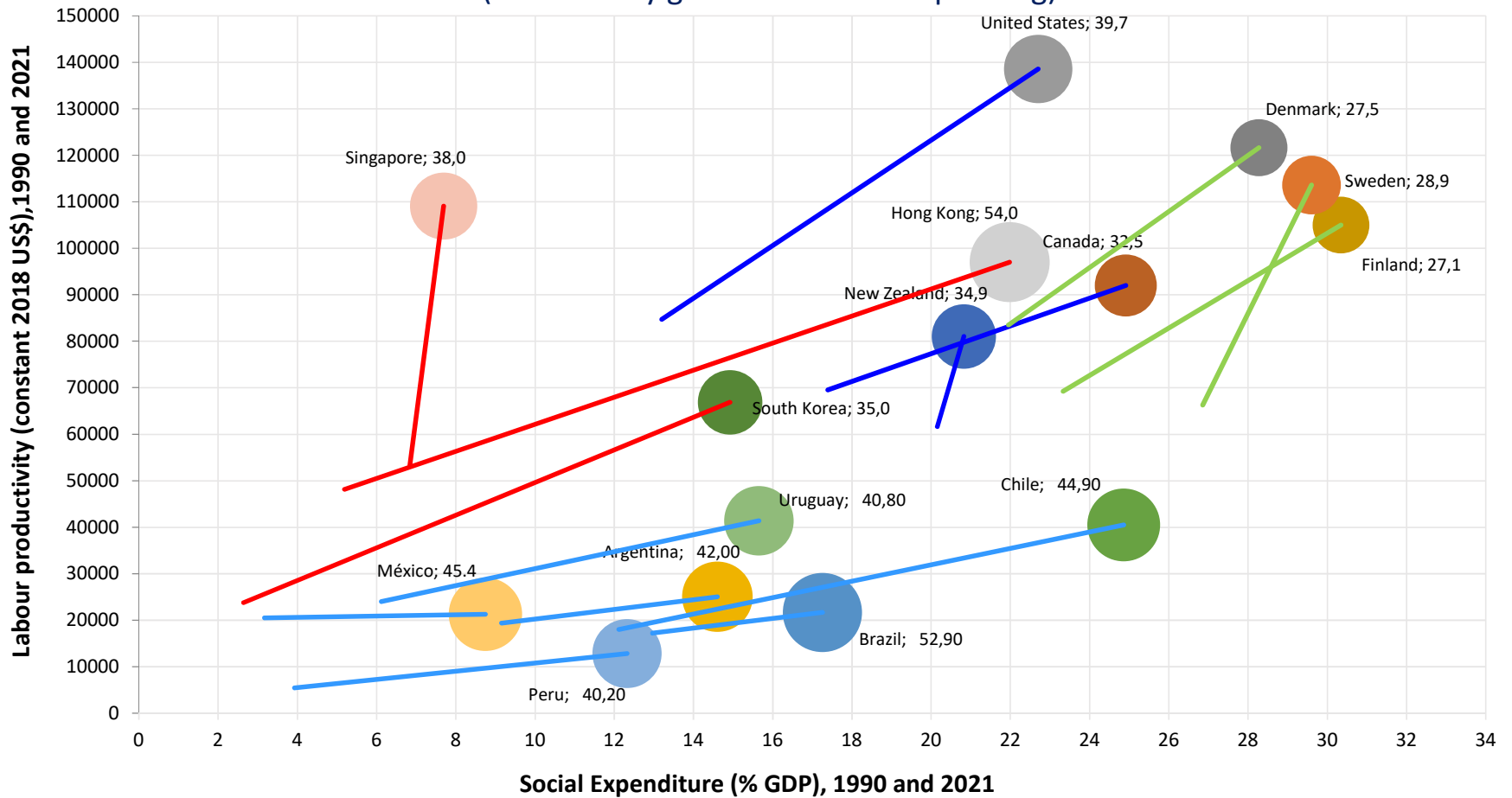
Poor efficacy/efficiency of public policies in LA

Gini coefficient pre/post taxes and transfers, 2020



Need for active/complementary industrial and social policies

(Productivity growth and social spending)



Main implication: Inequalities outcome of uneven development models

Redistribution	High	<p>Unproductive Jobs No sectorial diversification Significant Inequalities (generated in the labour market) Lower levels of Poverty Unproductive Social Policies</p>	<p>Productive Jobs Sectorial diversification Decreasing Inequalities Lower levels of Poverty <u>Productive Social Policies</u></p>
	Low	<p>Unproductive Jobs No sectorial diversification High Inequalities High levels of Poverty Need of Corrective Social Policies and Structural Changes</p>	<p>Productive Jobs Sectorial diversification Decreasing Inequalities Lower levels of Poverty Need of redistribution policies (left behind)</p>
		Low	High
		Structural Change	

Development view	Orthodox (mainstream)	Moderate(mainstream)	Evolutionary/structuralist
Micro (choice of technology)	Relative prices, static view, reversible, continuum space.	Plus, market failures	Learning, accumulation of capabilities, path dependency
Social structure and inequalities	Relative prices, preferences and choices	Plus, institutions and market failures	Consequence of uneven development models.
Industrial structure	Nonissue , sectoral homogeneity, capital labour composition ad choice	Imperfect competition and regulation	Sectoral (firm) heterogeneity, opportunity, contribution to productivity
Structural change	Static and market selection (natural rate of unemployment)	Around the comparative advantages	Engine of development (Unrelated/related activities, productivity /employment)
Industrial policy	“the best industrial policy [being] none al all”	Policy to correct market failures	Active , horizontal and selective (sector, firms and technologies)
Macro prices	Flexibility	Flexibility and control of extreme volatility	Competitive real exchange rate (and interest rate)
Macro & industrial development	Stochastic General equilibrium	Expansionary fiscal consolidation hypothesis	Keynesian /Schumpeterian world
