

# • ANNUAL ALICE AMSDEN MEMORIAL LECTURE •

Alice Amsden and the escape from empire:  
Implications for the financing of late industrialisation after three decades of hyperglobalisation

**Keynote Speaker: Stephanie Blankenburg**

## About the Speaker

**Stephanie Blankenburg** is Head of the Debt and Development Finance Branch in the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Prior to joining UNCTAD in June 2015, she was Senior Lecturer in Economics at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, UK, where she taught and researched since 2001 on macroeconomic theory, global economy policy and development economics. Blankenburg holds a Master's Degree in Development Economics and a PhD in Economics from the University of Cambridge (UK), and is the co-author of two monographs on the theory and practice of neoliberalism. Other publications include contributions on issues in development finance, the political economy of industrial policy in developing countries, the evolution of multinational corporations and the history of economic thought.

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Alice Amsden, was a leading thinker on Industrial Policy and an expert in economic development. She served as the Barton L. Weller Professor of Political Economy in MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning. Amsden wrote extensively about the process of industrialization in emerging economies, particularly in Asia. Her work has shaped thinking in how developing countries approach industrialisation and she was influential in understanding the importance of the state as a creator of economic growth. Her work challenged the idea that globalization had produced generally uniform conditions in which emerging economies could find a one-size-fits-all path to prosperity.

