

Effects of Globalization on Cities in Developing Countries

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ABSTRACT Extant literature on urban development is considerable in both developed and developing countries. The theoretical and empirical nature of these studies are of different strands. However there is a consensus on the influence of economic policies, principles and technology on urban development of cities in various regions of the world. This paper is on the effects of the rave of the moment “globalisation” on cities in developing countries with emphasis on Lagos, a prime city in West African sub-region. The paper highlights efforts towards economic transformation in Nigeria prior to the emergence of globalisation and after its emergence. It noted that due to the poor negotiative position of cities in developing countries caused by their weak productive position and export of primary goods, low technology, poor financial strength, unstable economy, poor infrastructure facilities, insecurity and instability in governance, cities in developing countries are not well positioned to obtain optional benefit of this new world economic order. To reap these benefits, cities in developing countries will have to overcome these obstacles.