

ICTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE ROLE OF THE NATION STATE

Building a Software Industry and Bridging a Digital Divide? The Case of Jordan

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Abstract: The role of nation state is often seen as being eroded by globalisation yet those who seek to build strong ICT sectors and/or to harness the potential of ICTs to create widespread economic and social development and alleviate poverty frequently invoke it. The paper using Jordan as an example, finds that the role of nation state is being redefined and that structures of governance are being realigned to seek to produce more nimble and effective government action. It is political action that creates and maintains attractive economic markets in developing countries and nation states have to contend with mobile capital, mobile skilled labour and the proliferation of globalised symbols.

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