Public Lecture

The Global Stock Market: Issuers, Investors, and Intermediaries In an Uneven World

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This presentation is based on the speaker’s recent book, which explores the geographical constitution and footprint of stock markets to contribute to broader debate on the role of stock markets in the global economy. Stock markets are conceptualized as consisting of issuers, investors and intermediaries that have locations and relate to each other in a real space of regions, cities, and countries. Insights are used from economic geography, financial economics, sociology, history and globalization studies. Dr Wójcik outlines a theory of stock market centres as concentrations of stock market intermediaries, investors, and issuers headquarters, connected through a global network. Empirically, Dr Wójcik illustrates the rise of revolution in the stock exchange business model, and the continued emerging markets, including Hong Kong and China, the impact of the global financial crisis, the dominance of London and New York as stock market centres. Dr Wójcik suggests that despite the recent boom and recession, there remains a large potential for the future development of stock markets. See the link to the book: http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199592180.do.

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