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that the rise of a global 'robot reserve army' has profound effects on labor markets and economic development, but, rather than causing mass unemployment, new technologies are more likely to lead to stagnant wages and premature deindustrialization. The book illuminates the debate on the impact of automation upon economic development, in particular issues of poverty, inequality and work. It highlights public policy responses and strategies–ranging from containment to coping mechanisms—to confront the effects of automation. Lukas Schlogl is a political scientist in the Department of Political Science, University of Vienna, Austria. Andy Sumner is Professor of International Development in the Department of International Development at King's College London, UK.