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Sommario/riassunto	This book evaluates development progress using the lens of structural transformation in four groups of developing countries: Africa's least developed countries (LDCs), Asia's LDCs, landlocked Central Asian countries, and Pacific small island states. The analysis presented is contextualized in the diverse economic characteristics and geopolitical landscape of the four categories of countries. In doing so, research on Africa's LDCs emphasizes the overall picture of missed economic opportunities, while the research on Asia's LDCs focus on policy lessons. The chapter on landlocked Central Asian countries focuses more on the unique transition experience of those countries coming

out from USSR hinterlands to independent states in the wake of the third wave of democratisation in the 1990s. Lastly the evaluation of Pacific small island states is very much influenced by the fate of geography for being small in size and remotely located. The diverse coverage offers readers rich varieties of structural transformation experiences and comparative development perspectives. The book is non-technical, with descriptive, narrative, and analytical approaches on comparative development, making it suitable and accessible for non-specialist audiences. Anis Chowdhury is Emeritus Professor at Western Sydney University, Australia.. He's had an accomplished academic career; founding managing editor (1995-2008) of the Journal of the Asia-Pacific Economy; Managing Editor, Asia Pacific Sustainable Development Journal, Co-editor, the Journal of the Asia-Pacific Economy; and Economic and Labour Relations Review. Also held senior United Nations positions (2008-2016) in the area of Economic and Social affairs. Zulfan Tadjoeddin is Associate Professor in Development Studies, School of Social Sciences, Western Sydney University, Australia. Yogi Vidyattama is an Associate Professor at Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society, Faculty of Business, Government and Law, , University of Canberra, Australia.
