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## **Information Economy, Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and Trade in Services**

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There have been interesting structural changes in the economies across the world. The rising importance of the so-called 'information' or 'knowledge economy' has been a hallmark of these changes. It is in this context that this paper explains the concept of an information economy and the structural changes that have taken place in developed as well as developing countries. Information and communication technologies (ICTs) have been a major driver of these changes. Therefore, the paper discusses the role of ICT and ICT-enabled innovations. Finally, the paper discusses how ICT contributes to the growth of services trade.

### **About the Speaker**

Hiranya K. Nath is a Professor of Economics at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas (USA). He is currently a Visiting Professor at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, Assam (India). He has been a Partner of the Business Information Technologies (BIT) Global Research Network at Anderson School of Management, University of California - Los Angeles, USA, and has held a visiting position at Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia. Professor Nath has also taught at universities in China and Japan. His research interests include inflation and relative price behavior, information economy, and various issues related to developing and transition economies. Dr. Nath has published in highly regarded peer-reviewed journals like Applied Economics, California Management Review, Comparative Economic Studies, Economic Analysis and Policy, Economic Record, Economics Letters, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, International Economic Journal, Journal of Asian Economics, Journal of International Trade & Economic Development, Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, and Review of Development Economics. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics from Southern Methodist University, Dallas (USA). Professor Nath attended the University of Delhi for his bachelor's and master's level education in Economics. He also earned an M. Phil. in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi. He has traveled extensively throughout the world on various academic assignments. Professor Nath was born in Bor Nagaon, a village near Mangaldoi, and was raised mostly in Thelamara, Sonitpur District of Assam.