

# ANNUAL ALICE AMSDEN MEMORIAL LECTURE: Industrial Hubs and Late Development



**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**Prof. Arkebe Oqubay**

Dr Arkebe Oqubay is a British Academy Global Professor at SOAS University of London. He is a former Senior Minister and Special Adviser to Ethiopia's Prime Minister and has been at the centre of policymaking for more than 30 years. He leads pioneering research on the greening of African economic development with a grant funded by the British Academy (2023-2027). He has led the boards of key public enterprises, including Ethiopian Airlines, and is a former Mayor of Addis Ababa. Dr Arkebe gives policy advice to, and consults for, African governments and international organisations. His approach combines policy experience and scholarly work in the design of transformative policy innovations in industrialisation, industrial policy, cities, and economic governance.

Dr Arkebe was recognised by the *New African* as one of the 100 Most Influential Africans of 2016 and a "leading thinker on Africa's strategic development" for his work on industrialisation and industrial policies. He is an ODI Distinguished Fellow, a UNU-WIDER Honorary Research Fellow, Professor of Practice at the University of Johannesburg, an Honorary Professor at the University of Cape Town, Distinguished Professor at Fudan University (Shanghai), and Visiting Senior Professor at Nanyang Technological University (Singapore).

His research focus includes structural transformation, technological learning and catch-up, industrial policy, sustainability and urban transformation, China-Africa ties, and public policy and leadership focusing on emerging and developing countries, especially Africa. He has authored and edited numerous publications including *Made in Africa (2015)*, *The Oxford Handbook of Industrial Hubs and Economic Development (2020)*, and *The Oxford Handbook of Industrial Policy (2020)*. He holds a PhD in Development Studies from SOAS, University of London.



Alice Amsden, was a leading thinker on Industrial Policy and an expert in economic development. She served as the Barton L. Weller Professor of Political Economy in MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning. Amsden wrote extensively about the process of industrialization in emerging economies, particularly in Asia. Her work has shaped thinking in how developing countries approach industrialisation and she was influential in understanding the importance of the state as a creator of economic growth. Her work challenged the idea that globalization had produced generally uniform conditions in which emerging economies could find a one-size-fits-all path to prosperity.

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**Chair:**

**Prof. Fiona Tregenna**

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