CLUSTERS AND COMPETITION: NEW AGENDAS FOR COMPANIES, GOVERNEMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS

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The essay assesses the current state of knowledge about clusters, their role in competition and their implications. It describes the theory of clusters, the process by which they grow and decline, the appropriate roles of the private sector, government and other institutions in the cluster upgrading, Finally it draws on the participation of dr Porter in many cluster initiatives and initiatives and on other literature to explore the best ways to organize such initiatives to catalyse positive economic improvement.