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GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TRENDS: DYNAMICS AND REGIONAL ASPECTS

The article analyzes changes in the spatial structure of world industry (including high-tech) at the global and regional level in dynamics. The processes in the mining and manufacturing industries of the world are characterized. The article also presents the author's rating of countries by the level of industrial development during the transition to a post-industrial economy based on a matrix of data on 4 indicators of the level of development of the manufacturing industry in 117 countries of the world.

The calculations were carried out on the basis of official sources of information from the World Bank, UNIDO, the US Science Foundation, etc.

It is shown that at present the rating of the most industrial regions of the world is headed by Asia. The world industry leaders are China, the United States and other developed countries, as well as some developing countries in Asia and Latin America. It is shown that the fragmentation of industrial production in the context of globalization contributed to the spread of new technologies and the development of the industrialization process in the world. In the group of leaders in the author's rating are mainly developed countries. But there is a shift in industrial development towards a group of developing countries. At the same time, the process of differentiation of developing countries is recorded. Although a significant part of developing countries (especially African countries) still represent the "deep periphery" of the world industry. It was concluded that the global "industrial landscape" in the context of the transition to the digital economy and in the context of the COVID19 pandemic will change.

Key words: world, regions, industry, manufacturing industry, industrialization, regional shifts, knowledge and technology-intensive industries, ratings. JEL codes: L16, L60, O14, O57.

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Дүниежүзілік өндірістік даму тенденциялары: динамика және аймақтық аспектілер

Мақалада әлемдік өнеркәсіптің кеңістіктік құрылымындағы (оның ішінде жоғары технологиялы) әлемдік және аймақтық деңгейдегі динамикадағы өзгерістер талданады. Әлемдегі тау-кен және өңдеу өнеркәсібіндегі процестер сипатталады. Сондай-ақ, мақалада әлемнің 117 елінде өңдеу өнеркәсібінің даму деңгейінің 4 индикаторы туралы мәліметтер матрицасына негізделген постиндустриалды экономикаға көшу кезеңіндегі индустриялық даму деңгейі бойынша елдердің авторлық рейтингі ұсынылған.

Есептеулер Дүниежүзілік банктің, ЮНИДО-ның, АҚШ-тың Ғылым қорының және т.б. ақпараттың ресми көздері негізінде жүргізілді.

Қазіргі уақытта әлемнің индустриалды аймақтарының рейтингін Азия басқарады. Әлемдік өнеркәсіптің көшбасшылары – Қытай, АҚШ және басқа дамыған елдер, сонымен қатар Азия мен Латын Америкасындағы кейбір дамушы елдер. Жаһандану жағдайында өнеркәсіп өндірісінің бөлшектенуі әлемде жаңа технологиялардың таралуына және индустрияландыру процесінің дамуына ықпал еткені көрсетілген. Авторлық рейтингтегі көшбасшылар тобында негізінен дамыған елдер бар. Бірақ индустриялық дамуда дамушы елдер тобына қарай жылжу бар. Сонымен бірге дамушы елдердің дифференциациясы процесі жазылады. Дамушы елдердің (әсіресе Африка елдерінің) едәуір бөлігі әлі күнге дейін әлемдік өнеркәсіптің «терең перифериясын» ұсынады. Сандық экономикаға көшу жағдайында және COVID19 пандемиясы жағдайында ғаламдық «индустриялық ландшафт» өзгереді деген қорытынды жасалды.

Түйін сөздер: әлем, аймақтар, өнеркәсіп, өңдеу өнеркәсібі, индустрияландыру, аймақтық ауысулар, білімді және ғылымды қажет ететін өндірістер, рейтингтер.

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Тенденции мирового промышленного развития: динамика и региональные аспекты

В статье анализируются изменения пространственной структуры мировой промышленности (в том числе высокотехнологичной) на глобальном и региональном уровнях в динамике. Охарактеризованы процессы в горнодобывающей и обрабатывающей промышленности мира. В статье также представлен авторский рейтинг стран по уровню промышленного развития при переходе к постиндустриальной экономике на основе матрицы данных по 4 показателям уровня развития обрабатывающей промышленности в 117 странах мира.

Расчеты проводились на основе официальных источников информации Всемирного банка, ЮНИДО, Научного фонда США и др.

Показано, что в настоящее время рейтинг самых индустриальных регионов мира возглавляет Азия. Лидерами мировой индустрии являются Китай, США и другие развитые страны, а также некоторые развивающиеся страны Азии и Латинской Америки. Показано, что фрагментация промышленного производства в условиях глобализации способствовала распространению новых технологий и развитию процесса индустриализации в мире. В группе лидеров авторского рейтинга находятся преимущественно развитые страны. Но в промышленном развитии наблюдается сдвиг в сторону группы развивающихся стран. При этом фиксируется процесс дифференциации развивающихся стран. Хотя значительная часть развивающихся стран (особенно африканских) по-прежнему представляет собой «глубокую периферию» мировой индустрии. Был сделан вывод, что глобальный «индустриальный ландшафт» в контексте перехода к цифровой экономике и в контексте пандемии COVID19 изменится.

Ключевые слова: мир, регионы, промышленность, обрабатывающая промышленность, индустриализация, региональные сдвиги, наукоемкие и наукоемкие отрасли, рейтинги, JEL codes: L16, L60, O14, O57.

Introduction

Despite the transition of the world economy to post-industrialism and to a digital economy you can find more often in the scientific literature the statements on "rehabilitation of real economy sector", "re-industrialization", devaluation of "de-industrialization" term and even on a new definition of "postindustrial society" (Grinberg, 2016; Rodionova et al., 2016; Industrial Development...,2016; Ziolo, 2017; Kondrat'ev, 2017; Varnavsky, 2019). It is associated with further updating process of the industry ("neoindustrialization", "Industry 4.0", "Internet of Things") at the highly developed countries (Crescenzi & Rodriguez-Pose, 2011; Draper, 2013; Tolkachev, 2015; Shvab, 2017; Gieranczyk & Ryczkowski, 2018; Kokuytseva et al, 2019; Industrial Development..., 2020).

The increase in GDP is mainly achieved due to manufacturing and export-import of high-technology goods and services in modern economy (Gierańczyk, 2010; Rodionova et al., 2016; Digital Transformation ..., 2017; Competitive Industrial..., 2020). A large number of scientific studies analyze the development processes of R&D in countries and, in particular, their implementation in practice, including at the major transnational companies (TNC) (Yudina, 2009; Crescenzi & Rodriguez-Pose, 2011; Kourtit et al., 2011; Kondrat'ev, 2017; Global Manufacturing..., 2016; Kilar, 2018; Competitive Industrial..., 2020; Industrial Development..., 2020). Many authors devote their works to the peculiarities of the development of industrial sector. They characterize the structural changes in the economy of certain countries and world regions. Experts of UNIDO (Industrial Development Report, Competitive Industrial Performance Index) reports show that the structural changes of the industrial branch is the main factor of the gross rate of the development productivity of this sphere (Global Manufacturing ..., 2016; Industrial..., 2016; Industrial..., 2020). But pursuant to its multiple-valued nature, the competitiveness serves as a more comprehensive characteristic of the economy development, than the current economic growth rate. The author of this article previously also attempted to classify countries by the level of their industrial development (Rodionova et al., 2016).

Therefore, the goal of this study is to analyze the contemporary industrialization process peculiarities in postindustrial transition and to reveal the differentiation of the regions and countries by the character and rates of the continuous industrialization process in the world.

Methodology

The study of the world industry is distinguished by a number of important methodological features. The global industry is formed within a complex interaction of factors and the subordinate distribution of production capacities of many industries on the territory of countries and regions.

The study of structural changes in the world industry was carried out by six geographical regions: North America (the USA, Canada, Mexico); 2) Central and South America; Europe (Western and Eastern Europe, including the republics of the CIS); Asia; Africa; Oceania (including Australia).

It is worth noting that the data on industrial production of countries and regions was analyzed by physical terms: by volume or weight of manufactured products in dynamics since 1950. At the same time, the world leaders were compared by indicators at current prices (or at constant prices, 2015) in 2002-2019. The sources of the data of manufacturing value added are UNIDO and the US Science Foundation (at current prices, millions of current dollars) (Tables 1, 2).

The authors' calculations gave an opportunity to analyze and characterize the changes in the shares of large regions in the global production of a particular industrial product (in mining and manufacturing industries) in dynamics. It was important to show, that regional structural shifts are the result of uneven changes intensity of analyzed indicators.

The collected base of the statistic data received from UNIDO, IMF, World Bank, OECD, World Intellectual Property Organization, UNESCO, US National Science Foundation and other international organizations allowed us to evaluate the positions of the countries. Respective author's classification of 117 world countries by four indexes of the innovative and industrial development were made up. Was used four indexes are: manufacturing value added (MVA) per capita, share of high technology export at the industrial export (%); high technology export per capita; share of MVA in GDP (%). The 117 countries were ranked by each criterion (from 1 to 117). The authors calculated also one specific index. It is the "relative industrialization level. It represents the share in creation of the manufacturing products against the share of the same country in the world population. All the indexes had equal "importance". The country ranks were summarized by each criterion in order to get the integrated index. Minimum values based on the ranks summary in the rating list were put in the leaders table and maximum - in the outsiders table, respectively.

Results

The situation in the global manufacturing industries. UNIDO data record a gap between the averages in developed and developing countries (Tabl. 1).

The following table presents data of the leaders of the global manufacturing industry in the period 2005-2019 (at constant prices 2015, US\$) (Table 2).

Country group	2005	2010	2018
World	1332	1486	1770
Industrialized Economies	4832	4878	5425
Developing & Emerging Industrial Economies	512	719	997
Emerging Industrial Economies (excl. China)	525	593	683
China	895	1622	2726
Other Developing Economies	221	251	275
Least Developed Countries	64	89	126

Table 1 – Per-capita MVA at constant 2015 prices in US\$

Source: Industrial Statistics Database, 2020. UNIDO.

(https://stat.unido.org/app/country/W2.htm?Country=643&Group=null)

	Share of the	e world, %	MVA per capita, US\$			
Country	2005	2019	2005	2019		
China	13,69	29,67	895,2	2864,0		
USA	22,80	15,99	6727,9	6858,0		
Japan	9,47	7,01	6423,0	7645,0		
Germany	6,60	5,42	7043,3	8980,0		
India	1,73	3,11	131,0	314,9		
Republic of Korea	2,64	3,05	4722,1	8251,9		

Table 2 – The leaders of the world manufacturing industry in 2005 – 2019

Source: Industrial Statistics Database, 2020

Changes in the global industrial landscape continue. The positions of countries in the international ranking table are also changing. The total share of the 15 leaders of the manufacturing industry accounts for 80% of global production. In other words, the concentration of industrial production in the world is still high. The results of the analysis record the rapid pace of industrial development in China (currently the 1st place in the world). India is already at the 5th position. The Republic of Korea occupies the 6th position (losing India its 5th place in 2005 and 2010). Brazil ranked 9th. Russia occupied the 13th position in 2019. However, the data on the leading countries on the MVA per capita (at constant prices 2015, USD) varies greatly (for example, Germany - 8980 dollars, Japan - 7645 dollars, China - 2864 dollars, India – 315 dollars) (Table 2).

The analysis of the statistical database of the US Science Foundation (at current prices, millions of current dollars) showed that already in 2016 China became the 1st in the world manufacturing industry (28.6 % of global manufacturing value added), ahead of the United States (19.5%), Japan (7.2%) and Germany (5.8%) (Science and Engineering Indicators – 2020). UNIDO show, that the position of China (the "factory of the world) became better now – 29,7%, 2019 at constant prices 2015, US\$ (table 2).

Let us analyze the results of the calculations. It is recorded that the shifts are directed from the West to the East. Gradually, the former leading regions – North America and Europe – are losing their positions. The share of Asia in the world industrial production is growing very rapidly (table 3).

Regions	2003	2006	2009	2012	2015	2016
North America	30,3	27,7	23,3	21,1	22,5	22,5
Central and South America	3,4	4,8	5,8	6,2	4,7	4,0
Europe	32,4	32,1	28,8	24,4	22,8	22,5
Africa	1,0	1,0	1,1	1,2	1,2	1,1
Asia	31,7	33,2	39,9	46,0	47,9	49,0
Oceania	1,2	1,2	1,1	1,1	0,9	0,9

 Table 3 – The share of regions in the global manufacturing industry, 2001–2016 (%)

Source: Science and Engineering Indicators, 2018, author's calculations.

The calculations showed that now the group of the most "industrial" regions in the world is headed by Asia (about 50%, 2016). Its share in the world manufacturing industry is greater than the total share of two regions – Europe and North America (Table 3). The progress, of course, is associated with the rapid economic development of China and India, as well as with the industrial development of Asian

"newly industrialized countries" (NIC -Republic of Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, etc.).

Value-added output of "high R&D intensive" and "medium-high R&D intensive" industries. The growth of value-added output of "high R&D intensive" industries is a key trend in the transformation of the spatial structure of the world manufacturing industry. In the analyzed 15 years (from 2003 to 2018), HT manufacturing value added doubled – from \$ 1 521 billion to \$ 3 242 billion at current dollars (Science and Engineering..., 2020).

The leading region is currently Asia (39%, 2018). This was primarily due to an increase of the share of China in the production of high-tech products (an increase of the share from 6 to 20%). The North American region moved to the second position with a decrease in the share in the world output from 40 to 34% in the analyzed period. Europe has the 3d position (Table 4).

Table 4 – Value-added output of "high	R&D intensive" industries by selected	region (share of re	gions), 2003–2018, %

Regions	2003	2006	2009	2012	2015	2018
North America	40,5	37,9	36,7	33,1	34,6	34,0
Central and South America	1,4	2,0	2,4	2,7	2,2	1,9
Europe	28,2	28,9	28,3	25,8	23,8	23,3
Africa	0,5	0,7	0,7	0,9	0,9	0,8
Asia	28,1	29,2	30,2	35,4	37,2	38,7
Oceania	1,2	1,4	1,5	1,9	1,3	1,4

Source: Science and Engineering Indicators, 2020, author's calculations.

Production volumes continued to grow in all regions. But the growth rates were different. For example, in North America and Europe, production volumes increased 2 times, and in Asia - 3 times (including in China - 7 times).

Nevertheless, at the country level, the USA remains the world leader in "high R&D intensive" industries (32% of the world value-added output). China is rapidly catching up

that country. It is important to note that these countries are constantly increasing their influence in the control of high-tech industries in the world market, including as a result due to the development of process of reindustrialization and neoindustrialization.

You can analyze data on the production of goods and services from "high R&D intensive" industries by selected countries (tabl. 5).

Table 5 – Value-added output of "high R&D intensive" industries by selected region or country (billions of current dollars and percent share), 2003–2018

	United	States	EU		Jap	Japan C		ina	Rest of world	
Year	Billions dollars	Share (%)								
2003	573,4	38	380,5	25	190,1	12	92,1	6	159,9	11
2006	666,8	35	473,6	25	189,6	10	146,8	8	234,5	12
2009	743,7	35	509,9	24	191,1	9	220,5	10	282,4	13
2012	782,9	31	516,6	20	199,0	8	368,1	15	386,1	15
2015	890,8	33	537,2	20	146,8	5	500,0	18	347,6	13
2018	1 044,7	32	619,5	19	146,2	5	669,4	21	386,3	12

Source: Science and Engineering Indicators, 2020

The "high R&D intensive" industries are: aircraft and spacecraft industry, pharmaceuticals, computer, electronic, and optical products, computer software publishing, scientific R&D services. The leaders in this branch of the world industry are now: USA, China, Japan, Germany, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, Ireland, UK, and Switzerland. Among the leaders we see Ireland (now called the "Celtic Lion" by analogy with the "Asian Tigers"), which even outstripped of the UK.

The "medium-high R&D intensive' industries are: chemicals excluding pharmaceuticals, electrical equipment and other machinery and equipment, motor vehicles, railroads and military vehicles, weapons and ammunition industry, IT services. You can analyze data on the production of goods and services from "medium-high R&D intensive" industries by selected regions and countries (tabl. 6, 7).

Asia is the leader (almost 47%, 2018). At the same time, we observe a decrease in the share of North America from 29 to 24%. The leaders of "medium-high R&D intensive" industries in 2018 were: China (26%), USA (22%), Japan (10%), Germany (8%), Republic of Korea, India, UK, France and Italy.

You can analyze data on the production of goods and services from "medium-high R&D intensive" industries by selected countries and regions (tabl. 7).

Regions	2003	2006	2009	2012	2015	2018
North America	29,0	26,2	22,0	22,0	24,1	24,1
Central and South America	2,3	3,3	4,4	4,4	3,1	2,5
Europe	34,1	34,8	31,7	27,6	26,1	25,0
Africa	0,8	1,0	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,0
Asia	32,9	33,7	39,5	43,7	44,7	46,6
Oceania	0,9	1,0	1,2	1,2	0,9	0,8

Source: Science and Engineering Indicators, 2020, author's calculations.

Table 7 – Value-added output of "medium-high R&D intensive" industries by selected or country or region (billions of currentdollars and percent share), 2003–2018

	United	States	EU		Ch	China J		oan	Rest of world	
Year	Billions dollars	Share (%)								
2003	600,3	25	747,2	32	165,5	7	437,4	19	260,5	11
2006	684,3	23	953,0	32	273,0	9	478,9	16	407,0	14
2009	659,8	19	971,2	29	531,1	16	493,9	15	499,0	15
2012	869,8	19	1 115,6	24	907,2	20	642,9	14	696,3	15
2015	1 022,8	21	1 138,6	24	1 144,6	24	487,6	10	592,1	12
2018	1 251,7	22	1 309,1	23	1 515,0	26	557,7	10	636,8	11

Source: Science and Engineering Indicators, 2020

The balance of power in the global economy and in "medium-high R&D intensive" industries is changing. The production of China has grown at a very rapid pace over the past decade. The share of China is 26%, 2018. The share of EU is 23%. %. The share of USA is 22% (tabl. 7). The share of regions in the world production of some types of manufacturing industries. It is important to note that Asia has the largest share in all extractive industries (Table 8, 9).

The share of Asia in oil production exceeded 40% of the global volume in 2018 (at a strong

reduction in the share of North America from 54 to 23%). The leaders of oil production in the world are Saudi Arabia, the USA, Russia, Canada, China, Iraq, and Iran. North America's share in natural gas production has also fallen sharply from 93 to 26% of the world production since 1950. The share of Asia has grown from 0.4 to 31%. The leaders in natural gas extraction are the USA, Russia, Canada, Iran, Qatar, and China.

In the bauxite mining industry in 1950, the leader was the Central and South America. Foreign Europe was the second. By 2018, the European countries have virtually stopped mining bauxite (the main raw material for aluminum smelting). Now Asia is leader (about 33% of the world production). The leaders in the extraction of bauxite are: Australia, China, Guinea, Brazil, India, and Jamaica. The share of Asian countries in the extraction of iron ore (in commercial mass) is more than 25%, etc.

It is important to note that in manufacturing industry there is also a serious redistribution of production between large regions of the world in favor of Asian countries (table 9).

Table 8 – The share	of regions in the	world mining industry,	1950-2018, %
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	Crude oil		Natur	al gas	Bau	ixite	Iron ore wei	
	1950	2018	1950	2018	1950	2018	1950	2018
Europe	1,9	3,6	2,6	6,5	25,5	1,2	30,3	1,8
USSR/CIS	7,3	15,8	3,1	21,5	6,4	3,4	15,7	8,1
North America	54,0	23,0	92,8	27,2	15,8	0,1	41,0	3,9
Central and South America	17,6	7,5	1,2	4,6	43,6	15,8	2,8	21,3
Asia	18,7	41,1	0,4	30,7	7,1	32,9	2,1	40,6
Africa	0,5	8,7	0	6,1	1,6	16,6	4,5	2,6
Oceania	0	0,3	0	3,4	0,0	30,0	1,0	25,3

Sources: BP Statistical Review of World Energy, 2019; Mineral Commodity Summaries, 2019, and other sources of information, author's calculations.

Table 9 – The share of regions in the world manufacturing industries, 1950-2018, %

	Electricity generation		Alum	iinum	Ste	eel	Cars	
	1950	2018	1950	2018	1950	2018	1950	2018
Foreign Europe	31,1	15,3	52,5	8,1	31,9	9,9	13,7	22,9
USSR/CIS	9,3	5,3	8,0	6,7	14,4	5,7	0,8	2,5
North America	47,7	20,5	28,5	8,2	48,1	6,6	85,5	7,1
Central and South America	2,2	4,9	1,6	2,5	0,5	2,7	0	3,8
Asia	6,9	48,1	5,5	68,0	4,1	74,1	0	62,8
Africa	1,6	3,2	0,7	3,0	0,4	0,8	0	1,0
Oceania	1,3	1,5	3,2	3,6	0,5	0,3	0	0,2

Sources: World Steel in Figures, 2019; BP Statistical Review of World Energy, 2019; Mineral Commodity Summaries, 2019; International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers, 2019, and other sources of information, author's calculations.

The share of Asia in the production of steel smelting – from 4 to 74% increased; in primary aluminum smelting – from 5.5 to 68%, in production of passenger cars – to 63%; in the production of mineral fertilizers – from 5 to 60%. And the share of Asia increased in 1950–2018 from 8 to 83% in the production of various types of chemical fibers, etc. All the above data confirm the fact of the leading position of Asia. Moreover, the share of the Asian region continues to grow (Rodionova et al., 2016; Kondrat'ev, 2017; Industrial Statistics..., 2020).

Authors' rating of the countries of the world in terms of industrial development. Many developing economies (China, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Mexico, Argentina, Turkey, Brazil, UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and others) have made a decisive progress. They exceed many European countries at the indexes of the industrial development (Global Information ..., 2016; Measuring the Information..., 2017; Global Innovation..., 2018; Industrial Statistics..., 2020).

Author determined the indexes which allow characterizing the level of the industrialization process development in different countries to a high degree of accuracy. Author should point out that there is high positive correlation among the selected indexes. We should note that the highest correlation (about 0.6-0.8) was determined between the ranks of the countries in the authors' rating of the industrial development and GDP per capita, manufacturing value added per capita and "the relative industrialization coefficient". The author's ranking results by the industrialization level of 11 leading countries is shown in the table (tabl. 10).

Table 10 – Position of the countries in the authors' rating list and specific indexes, 2015

Author's rating of the level of industrial development of countries		«Relative industrialization coefficient»		MVA per capita		GDP (PPP) per capita	
position	country	index	position	US \$	position	Thousand. of US \$	position
1	Republic of Korea	5.27	10	7 400.20	8	37.9	25
2	Singapore	6.98	4	9 292.00	3	87.1	3
3	Ireland	10.28	1	10 739.40	2	69.4	5
4	Switzerland	8.22	2	14 466.60	1	59.4	8
5	Germany	5.82	8	9 193.00	4	48.2	15
6	Czech Republic	3.12	20	5 011.90	16	33.2	31
7	Malaysia	1.41	38	2 490.90	36	27.2	39
8	Japan	6.59	5	8 382.30	5	38.9	24
9	Austria	6.13	7	8 335.70	6	47.9	16
10	Slovenia	2.90	23	4 328.30	21	32,0	32
11	China	0.93	48	2 025.30	38	15.4	61

The highest positions in the author's ranking of «the level of industrialization» are: Ireland, Switzerland, Singapore, Japan, Finland, Austria, Germany, Sweden, the Republic of Korea, and Denmark. It is important also that China holds the 3rd position in the UNIDO rating table (Competitive Industrial Performance 2019 – CIP Index). The leaders by CIP Index are Germany and Japan. Republic of Korea, the USA and Ireland follow China. It is implied that the tendencies of manufacturing development ensure the long-term growth of the entire country economy (Industrial..., 2016; Competitive Industrial..., 2020).

Discussion

The industrialized economies remain in the leaders group of all international rating tables

(inclusive author's rating). It should also consider the following. At the same time, many economically highly developed countries are currently pursuing their strategies in the direction of restoring the role of industrial production (reindustrialization, neoindustrialization). According to our strong opinion when calculating the industrialization integrated index you should consider participation of the countries in the world gross value chains (GVC) (Draper, 2013). For example, project World Input-Output Database (WIOD) (World Input-Output Database, 2019) is as an attempt to evaluate the contribution of the countries to the world gross value chains. This, obviously, will have an impact on the countries order in the compiled ratings.

The international statistics shows decrease in the share of the manufacturing industry in GDP of the developed countries. However, it does not mean the decrease in the level of the industry development of these states. This fact for the developed countries can be partially explained by "invisibility" of their real participation in the global added value chains (Kondrat'ev, 2014; Shvab, 2017). New digital evolutions in industry offer key opportunities for companies (Digital Transformation..., 2017). The digital restructuring of industry offers plenty of opportunities to boost international competitiveness. Without any doubt, transfer of the industrial production to China, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and other developing countries allows receiving additional benefits, mainly for the transnational corporations. WIOD project showed that the data on the share of China in the high technology export may be exaggerated (Draper, 2013; World Input-Output Database – WIOD, 2019). For example, some Chinese researchers note that 82% of China's high-tech exports are high-tech products made from imported key parts and components. And trade statistics mistakenly attribute to China the entire value of these harvested goods, thereby greatly inflating the value of Chinese exports (Yuqing, 2011). Nevertheless, in accordance with the existing

methodology, the international statistics reflects a total value of the whole product as Chinese high technology export.

Conclusions

A great number of conditions and factors, including new ones (the development of information and communication technologies and the network economy, interstate integration, the geographic strategy of TNCs, etc.) influence on the placement of manufacturing industries.

Economically developed countries (USA, Japan, EU countries) retain their important positions in the global industry. In order to characterize the industry of this group of industrialized states, the term "highly developed postindustrial industry" is used.

The population of developing countries is growing. And the volumes of the production and consumption of products in these states are growing as well. The growing importance of developing countries in the world economy is recorded. The main direction of the current stage of development of the industrialization process in the world is the shift of production and consumption to Asia. Asia is the region-leader in the world industry. Now the world industrial leader is China. We can note the differentiation process of the developing countries. But a major part of the developing countries (particularly, African) still represents the outsiders of the world industry. The results of the author's ranking prove this thesis.

It is the fact that the process of industrialization is continuing at the global level. But it occurs under different conditions, by different ways and at different rates. But the global pandemic (COVID-19) has affected the course of world history, as well as the volume of production and the balance of power in the world economy. And this factor will continue to influence the global situation in the world for a long time to come.

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