

Part VI

Empirical Evidence in/post-Socialist Economies

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“Despite the institutional disparities, university authorities, policymakers, and academics are focusing their attention on the potential of universities to create innovative environments to transit to the knowledge-based economies.”

– Marozau, Guerrero and Urbano (2016, 1)

Since the fall of the Berlin wall, Eastern European Socialist regimes have transited into capitalism, and the rest of the Socialist regimes have been enrolled in new innovation paradigms (Švarc et al. 2020). The 1990s has represented a strategic challenge for all these countries in recovering from the drastic decline of their technological capabilities and their adjustment to entrepreneurial capabilities (Marozau et al. 2016, 2019; Cruz-Amarán et al. 2020). It also explains the recent establishment of regulatory frameworks that protecting intellectual property and commercialization of knowledge (e.g., intellectual property law, university technology transfer).

Inspired by these challenges, this part of the book shows qualitative and quantitative evidence about the evolution of technology transfer policies and entrepreneurial innovations in/post-Socialist economies. Chapter 10 discusses the phases of the

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evolution of university technology transfer legislation and outcomes in Croatia. Chapter 11 demonstrates the marginal effect of the Belarusian government's science and technology interventions on SMEs' entrepreneurial innovations and the strong support to large state-owned enterprises to preserve their manufacturing potential. Chapter 12 shows the Cuban technology transfer policy framework's evolutionary process, as well as the need for consistent management that proactively promotes the interrelation among all innovation ecosystem's agents and productive actors.

This part of the book offers readers relevant drivers/barriers in the technology transfer evolutionary process, the European Union's supports to European post-Socialist economies, and the current challenges to transit towards knowledge-based economies. We encourage researchers to continue exploring technology policy frameworks' effectiveness and the emergence of entrepreneurial innovations in/post-Socialist economies.

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