

'The information revolution: what progress for the Third World?'

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The information revolution has been variously seen as increasing the gap between rich and poor countries, and holding great promise for eliminating poverty and creating a more united world. This paper sketches some of the implications of the new information and communication technologies (ICT) for Third World development, focusing on two key questions. First, how are developing countries positioned in a world where the key to prosperity increasingly lies in amassing, sharing and harvesting knowledge? Second, what opportunities do ICTs offer to marginalised communities to construct innovative visions and practices?