

Asia and globalisation

Sometimes a label tells you where your t-shirt or trousers were manufactured. There is a good chance that they were made in an Asian country. Brands and stores such as Benetton, H&M and Hema have their clothing made by cheap Asian labour. However, it is not only clothing, many other products too are 'Made in Asia'. Many countries in East and South-East Asia produce goods for the export market and claim a place in the global (=world) economy.



Prior to 1970, this was a different story. At that time Asia, as is Africa now, was still underdeveloped. All countries were poor, apart from Japan. But all that has changed. This chapter discusses these changes.

