This talk presents results from an ongoing project on the ways in which network-based collaboration facilitate knowledge diffusion for economic upgrading. Based on an interdisciplinary analytical framework, innovative methodological tools, and a unique data set constructed through extensive firm-level surveys, the talk traces the ways in which public-private networks have affected the transformation of the Argentine wine and autoparts sectors over the past 20 years across several provinces. This research has allowed for a unique natural experiment to capture the interaction among foreign direct investment, organizational networks, and local firm performance in diverse communities. The talk will be of interest to all those interested in institutions and economic development, network analysis, & the political economy of Latin America.

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