This study investigates the relationship between trade liberalization and the market structure and productivity performance of the Nigerian manufacturing sector. The study also shows that foreign ownership has an important bearing on firm performance and foreign-owned firms generate positive spillover effects on the other firms in the industry. Moreover, the findings support the current trade liberalization effort of the government as we found that the policy of trade liberalization and the lowering of average tariff rates open up the economy to foreign investment, the promotion of manufactured exports impinges positively on total factor productivity in the Nigerian manufacturing sector.
Trade Liberalisation and Imported Inputs in Nigeria: Gains or Losses? Article. Full-text available. This paper investigates to what extent these trade and FDI liberalization policies contributed to the high economic performance of Malaysia with special focus on the productivity of the manufacturing sector. Section II provides an overview of trade and FDI liberalization policies of Malaysia in the 1980s.