

set of heuristic tools to chart how such processes can be identified in firm-level financial data. Using these heuristic tools to explore the comparative aspects of rentierization and intellectual monopolization will be a vital next step in this line of research. Our analysis of the USA can be extended to explore empirical patterns in other countries over time, across different sectors and for firms of different sizes. To what extent have other high-income countries experienced similar degrees of intellectual monopolization in recent years? And in what ways do these processes interact with the wider institutional configurations of different varieties of capitalism (Hall and Soskice, 2001; Amable *et al.*, 2005; Landini and Pagano, 2020)? Within the comparative political economy literature, financialization and intangible accumulation are often seen as inimical to the traditional bank-based financial systems found in coordinated market economies (Pagano, 2019). Charting these processes may help us to better understand pressures for convergence towards equity-based financial systems. These heuristic tools can also be used to analyse dynamics in the Global South, which are fundamentally different to—yet profoundly conditioned by—the patterns of corporate power in high-income countries (Jackson, 2022).

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