

Comments from the Editors

IN THE LAST ISSUE OF 2013 we bring you an eclectic collection of articles that we find interesting and useful.

In "Terrorism Studies in International Business: Increasing Knowledge, Reducing Victimization," Gabriele Suder of SKEMA Business School and Michael Czinkota of Georgetown University propose that terrorism studies have become an integral part of the international business (IB) literature, despite the difficulties inherent in studying the phenomenon. Hopefully terrorism itself will suffer from enhanced exposure and knowledge, which, over time may lead to containment in the future.

Kalman Kalotay of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Switzerland, presents in "FDI in the Former Soviet Periphery in Six Charts" a concise yet informative review of what has been going on regarding investment in the periphery countries of the former USSR. He concludes that the small former Soviet republics need strong investment promotion efforts if they wish to overcome the handicaps he enumerates and convince potential foreign investors first to put them on the map and then to choose them for concrete projects.

In "Born Global In Bangalore: Emergent Pathways For International New Ventures via Multinational Enterprise Networks" Shameen Prashantham of the Nottingham University Business School China believes recent thinking on MNE networks suggests that opportunities arise for internationally-minded, innovative new ventures (INVs). These ventures leverage the innovation ecosystems of MNE's networks, mirroring a major change in the thinking of CEOs of large MNEs away from an insular focus on the company to a wider focus on the interorganizational networks that they seek to orchestrate, with an underlying factor of accelerated innovation in technology and management practices at the MNE-INV partner interface.

In an opinion/editorial piece, Yair Aharoni, Professor Emeritus of Tel Aviv University, presents "A Few Lessons From My Long Experience in IB Research," reflecting on what he considers a few of the major challenges and implications for IB researchers.

We hope you enjoy the variety of this issue. We are always open to your suggestions and encourage your contributions.



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