

Comments from the Editors

IN 2009 DANIEL H. ROSEN, a visiting fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington, DC, and principal of the Rhodium Group, a New York-based research firm, and an adjunct professor at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, and Thilo Hanemann, a research analyst at the Rhodium Group, pointed out in a Peterson Institute paper that China's outgoing foreign direct investment (OFDI) had reached commercially and geo-economically significant levels, had begun to challenge international investment norms and affect international relations, and was poorly understood. In 2013 we were still seeing media and academic articles speaking as if this phenomenon was a new thing. In 2009 China was a laggard in global investment, and the country faced considerable internal impediments to overcoming its disadvantaged position. Since then, the size, intent, sophistication, and sustainability of China's OFDI has expanded significantly and must be understood and considered in business and government strategic plans in order to develop effective policy responses. In this issue of *AIB Insights* we provide three discussions of Chinese OFDI in three regions, with Peter Enderwick considering China's economic impact on Oceania, Gaston Fornes and Alan Butt Philip on Latin America, and Terence Jackson and colleagues on Sub-Saharan Africa, providing insight into China's increasing global influence outside its borders.



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