

Special Issue

Emerging Trends in Global Foreign Direct Investment

Message from the Guest Editor

The recent decline in global Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) can be attributed to uncertainties surrounding weak economic growth and geopolitics. Indeed, geopolitics has become increasingly significant in influencing global capital flows. The international community, including the US, EU, UK, and other OECD countries, has enhanced its regulatory scrutiny of FDI due to national security concerns. Geopolitics has also intensified trade wars and the competition for critical resources, resulting in a revamp of global supply chains. A divide between the Global South and Global North and the regionalization of trade and investment have emerged. These changes challenge established FDI theories. For example, conventional market-seeking cannot explain why a firm invests in country A not because of country A's market size, but to gain access to country B's market. Crucially, if geopolitics outweighs economic concerns, what can drive private capital to flow to the most profitable locations and projects? Against this background, this Special Issue seeks an in-depth understanding of the emerging trends in global FDI.

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