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## TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS Multinational Firms and Gender Equality



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A long and well-established literature exists on the role of multinational enterprises (MNEs) in transferring technology around the globe, enhancing local productivity. Alongside the purely economic implications of foreign investment, transnational corporations are increasingly expected to maintain social and environmental responsibility and standards. The idea that cross-border investment spreads cultural norms and practice has received widespread attention among sociologists—for example, there is strong anecdotal evidence of multinationals spreading high-quality health standards and customer service. However, little econometric work exists largely due to data constraints. Importantly, we know very little about the impacts of foreign direct investment and multinational enterprises on gender policies and practice.

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