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by Fabrice Hatem

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(prepared under the auspices of the Invest in France Mission of France,
in cooperation with DATAR, UNCTAD and Arthur Andersen)

This book presents the conclusions of a 1996 survey of medium-term trends in foreign direct investment carried out by the Invest in France Mission, in cooperation with DATAR, Arthur Andersen and UNCTAD. Managers and international experts of 311 TNCs from North America, Asia and Western Europe responded to the survey questionnaire. Additionally, 100 interviews were carried out around the world in order to gain greater insight into the answers. According to the results of the survey, managers and experts expect the present surge of FDI flows to continue over the next five years. Market-seeking FDI is to remain the main driving force of internationalization. The importance of production abroad for exports to third-world countries is also expected to increase. TNCs will tend to internationalize their downstream activities, such as marketing, distribution and assembly, but keep upstream activities, such as administration and basic research, in home countries. Investment inflows will continue to be concentrated in Western Europe, Asia and North America. The fastest growth of FDI inflows is forecast for East Asia, followed by Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America. In all regions, the basic driving forces behind FDI inflows will be the size of the market and profitability. Joint ventures and mergers and acquisitions will be the most important and most dynamic modes of investing abroad, followed by greenfield investment. The latter will remain a prominent form of investing in emerging markets. Licensing, subcontracting and alliances are expected to be less important modalities of internationalization for TNCs over the next five years.

The survey findings are illustrated by various figures and tables. The appendices provide additional information on the design of the survey and the questionnaire used, and present country, firm- and industry-specific findings.

The New Globalism and Developing Countries

edited by John H. Dunning and Khalil A. Hamdani

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on behalf of UNCTAD) (\$25)

There are many examples of products and services sourced and produced in several geographical locations around the world and around the clock. Best known to all, satellite news broadcasts are a bedtime story in China and an Englishman's wake-up call in the United Kingdom. Who stands to win or lose from expanding FDI flows and other international business activities that feed the growth of an increasingly borderless global economy? What have been, so far, the responses of governments to the challenges inherent in these developments? What is the role of the international community in supporting government strategies? These are some of the questions to which ten chapters of this book try to respond. The book is divided into four parts. Part I is forward-looking and speculative, and attempts in broad brush strokes to characterize the international setting and the future of the world trade and investment system in the post-Uruguay Round period. Part II adds diversity to the stylized global presentations by examining the different ways in which developing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America are being affected by globalization. Part III addresses the policy dimensions of globalization and the need for integrated strategies that can catalyse and reinforce—in the sense of the fabled virtuous circle—the emerging linkages between investment and trade. How could developing countries benefit from the globalization of production and markets? Part IV tackles investment and technology linkages: how could developing countries best create or acquire the human competences and created assets that increasingly define competitive advantage in the global economy?

In this volume, the authors carry forward the ideas that were first presented at the United Nations Symposium on the Globalization of Developing Countries held in The Hague on 30 March 1992.

**United Nations Library on Transnational Corporations,
volume 5: International Financial Management (paperback)**

edited by Arthur I. Stonehill and Michael H. Moffet

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The fifth volume in the United Nations Library on Transnational Corporations is now available in paperback. It offers a selection of seminal articles by international experts on particular aspects of international financial management in relation to TNCs. The articles focus on four main topics: foreign exchange management; cost of capital; financial structure; and capital budgeting. They chart the key theoretical developments and show how an understanding of international corporate finance is vital for the successful management of TNCs.

Foreign Investment in Asian Stock Markets

(Monograph number 6 of the UNCTAD/ESCAP Joint Unit
on Transnational Corporations)
(ST/ESCAP/1699)

This book examines foreign investment in six Asian stock markets: those of Hong Kong, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore and Thailand. Various examples of development paths for attracting foreign portfolio investment are presented in the country studies. They focus on structures for developing a stock market, and regulations that support a stock market's establishment, expansion and successful management. The country studies also analyse the impact of foreign portfolio investment, as well as the factors and mechanisms that have facilitated foreign investment in stock markets. The overview discusses, among other things, three major issues linked with the impact of foreign portfolio investment: wealth and income distribution; anticipating the reversal of capital flows and dealing with excessive flows; and the financing of development projects in an age of capital shortage.

ProInvest. Special issue of *Transnationals* (vol. 8, No. 4)

Transnationals is a quarterly newsletter, available free of charge. This special issue focuses on the Annual Meeting of the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA), held in Geneva from 18 to 22 November 1996.

Books received on foreign direct investment and transnational corporations since December 1996

- Bisang, Roberto, Gustavo Burachik, Jorge Katz (eds.), *Hacia un nuevo modelo de organización industrial. El sector manufacturero argentino en los años 90* (Tokyo: United Nations University Press, Santiago de Chile: CEPAL/IDRC and Buenos Aires: Alianza Editorial, 1995), 318 pages.
- Boyd, Gavin and Alan M. Rugman (eds.), *Euro-Pacific Investment and Trade. Strategies and Structural Interdependencies*. New Horizons in International Business Series (Cheltenham, Gloucestershire and Brookfield, Vermont: Edward Elgar, 1997), 302 pages.
- Casson, Mark (ed.), *The Theory of the Firm*. The International Library of Critical Writings in Economics, No. 72 (Cheltenham, Gloucestershire and Brookfield, Vermont: Edward Elgar, 1996), 768 pages.
- Dunning, John H. and Khalil A. Hamdani (eds.), *The New Globalism and Developing Countries* (Tokyo, New York and Paris: United Nations University Press, 1997), 336 pages.
- European Round Table of Industrialists, *Investment in the Developing World: New Openings and Challenges for European Industries* (Brussels: European Round Table of Industrialists, 1996), 312 pages.
- Ivarsson, Inge, *Integrated International Production: A Survey of Foreign Transnational Corporations in Sweden* (Gothenburg: School of Economics and Commercial Law, University of Göteborg), 271 pages.
- Katz, Jorge (ed.), *Estabilización macroeconómica, reforma estructural y comportamiento industrial: Estructura y funcionamiento del sector manufacturero latinoamericano en los años 90* (Santiago de Chile: CEPAL/IDRC and Buenos Aires: Alianza Editorial, 1996), 625 pages.
- Kostecki, Michel and András Fehérváry (eds.), *Services in the Transition Economies: Business Options for Trade and Investment* (Oxford: Pergamon, 1996), 278 pages.
- Marichal, Carlos (ed.), *Las inversiones extranjeras en América Latina, 1850-1930. Nuevos debates y problemas en historia económica comparada* (Mexico City: El Colegio de México, Fideicomiso Historia de las Américas, Fondo de Cultura Económica, 1995), 298 pages.
- Rugman, Alan M., *The Theory of Multinational Enterprises: The Selected Scientific Papers of Alan M. Rugman* (Cheltenham, Gloucestershire and Brookfield, Vermont: Edward Elgar, 1996), 2 volumes, 320 and 432 pages.

Simai, Mihály, *Nemzetközi üzletpolitika* [International Business Policy] (Budapest: Aula, 1996), 183 pages.

Ungson, Gerardo R., Richard M. Steers and Seung-Ho Park, *Korean Enterprise: The Quest for Globalization* (Boston, Massachusetts: Harvard Business School Press, 1997), 257 pages.

Report of the editors of *Transnational Corporations*

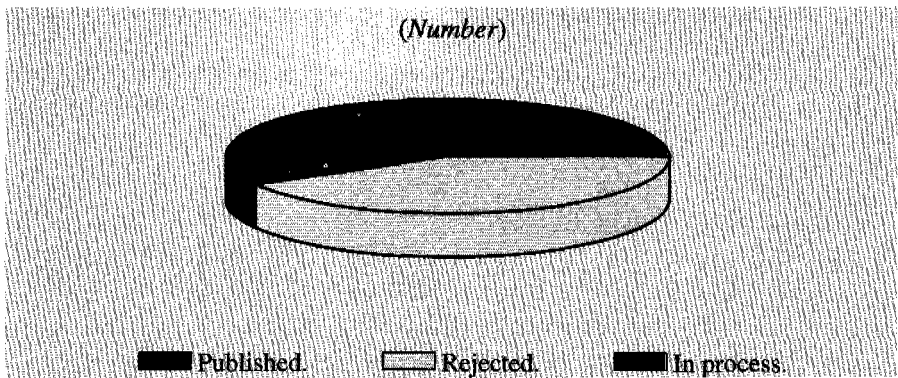
The year 1996 was the third year of publishing the journal from Geneva (Switzerland). While satisfactory results were achieved in the improvement of its presentation and quality, it still suffered from delays due to various reasons, including the financial crisis faced by the United Nations in 1996.

The editorial process

The journal continued to benefit from the guidance provided by the members of the Board of Advisers (and especially its chairperson) and reviewers (the reviewers are listed on page iv in vol. 5, No. 3). Manuscripts submitted to the journal (except book reviews and views) continue to undergo a double-blind refereeing process. Under this process, a reviewer is not informed of the author's identity, and, at the same time, the editors do not disclose the reviewer's identity to the author. Typically, manuscripts are sent to two or three external reviewers if it is decided by the editors that they fit the scope of the journal. Manuscripts that receive favourable reviews and, if required, are revised are put in the pipeline for publication. The review process has benefited from the use of e-mail, which allows faster communication with referees and authors. The refereeing process plays a crucial role in maintaining the quality of the journal.

Figure 1 shows the breakdown of the manuscripts received in 1996. Of the 45 articles and research notes submitted, 25 per cent were published,

Figure 1. *Transnational Corporations*: breakdown of manuscripts as of 31 December 1996

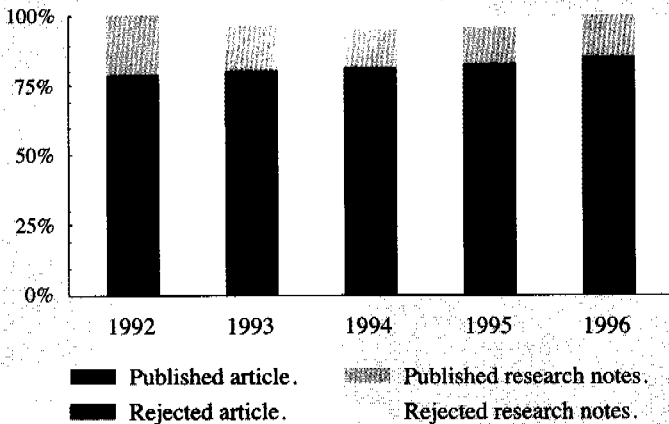


42 per cent were rejected and the remaining 33 per cent are still under review. In 1996, the editors introduced a new feature, namely, a special section entitled "Views", containing non-refereed contributions on the topic of a possible multilateral framework on investment. The importance and timely nature of this topic fit well with the policy-oriented approach of the journal.

The slowdown in the rate of submission of manuscripts for possible publication was reversed in 1996 (fig. 2). The ratio of published-to-submitted articles remains high, reflecting the overall high quality of the articles submitted (some of which were invited). Authors are encouraged to submit articles by e-mail through the Internet. Continuous efforts are being made to improve and speed up the editorial process.

Figure 2. *Transnational Corporations*: breakdown of manuscripts since inception

(Percentage)



The circulation of *Transnational Corporations* in 1996 was about 4,000, of which some 3,000 persons and institutions have been receiving the journal through UNCTAD's mailing list.

Editors and the Board of Advisers

Karl P. Sauvant edited the journal with the assistance of Persephone Economou and Fiorina Mugione (Deputy Editors), and James X. Zhan and Kalman Kalotay (Associate Editors). Argyrios A. Fatouros was the Guest

Editor for international framework issues. Lilach Nachum was the Book Review Editor and Teresita Sabico the Managing Editor. Lilach Nachum left the position of Book Review Editor in the autumn of 1996; while in that position she managed and edited book reviews for the 1996 and 1997 issues. The editors would like to extend their appreciation to her for her contribution to the journal. Kalman Kalotay has taken over her tasks.

The Board of Advisers consists of 14 experts, and is chaired by John H. Dunning (Universities of Reading and Rutgers). During the past year, a distinguished Board member, Kenneth K. S. Dadzie, High Commissioner of Ghana, passed away. Another Board member, B. T. G. Chidzero, Senior Minister of Finance, Zimbabwe, stepped down for personal reasons. The editors are indebted to the Board for the professional advice they received in the course of 1996. Possible measures to revitalize the Board of Advisers and enhance its role in the editorial process are currently under examination.

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A. **Quotations** should be double-spaced. Long quotations should also be indented. A copy of the page(s) of the original source of the quotation, as well as a copy of the cover page of that source, should be provided.

B. **Footnotes** should be numbered consecutively throughout the text with arabic-numeral superscripts. Footnotes should not be used for citing references; those should be placed in the text. Important substantive comments should be integrated within the text itself rather than placed in footnotes.

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E. **Abbreviations** should not be used, except for FDI (foreign direct investment) and TNCs (transnational corporations).

F. **Bibliographical references** in the text should appear as: "John Dunning (1979) reported that . . .", or "This finding has been widely supported in the literature (Cantwell, 1991, p. 19)." The author(s) should ensure that there is a strict correspondence between names and years appearing in the text and those appearing in the list of references.

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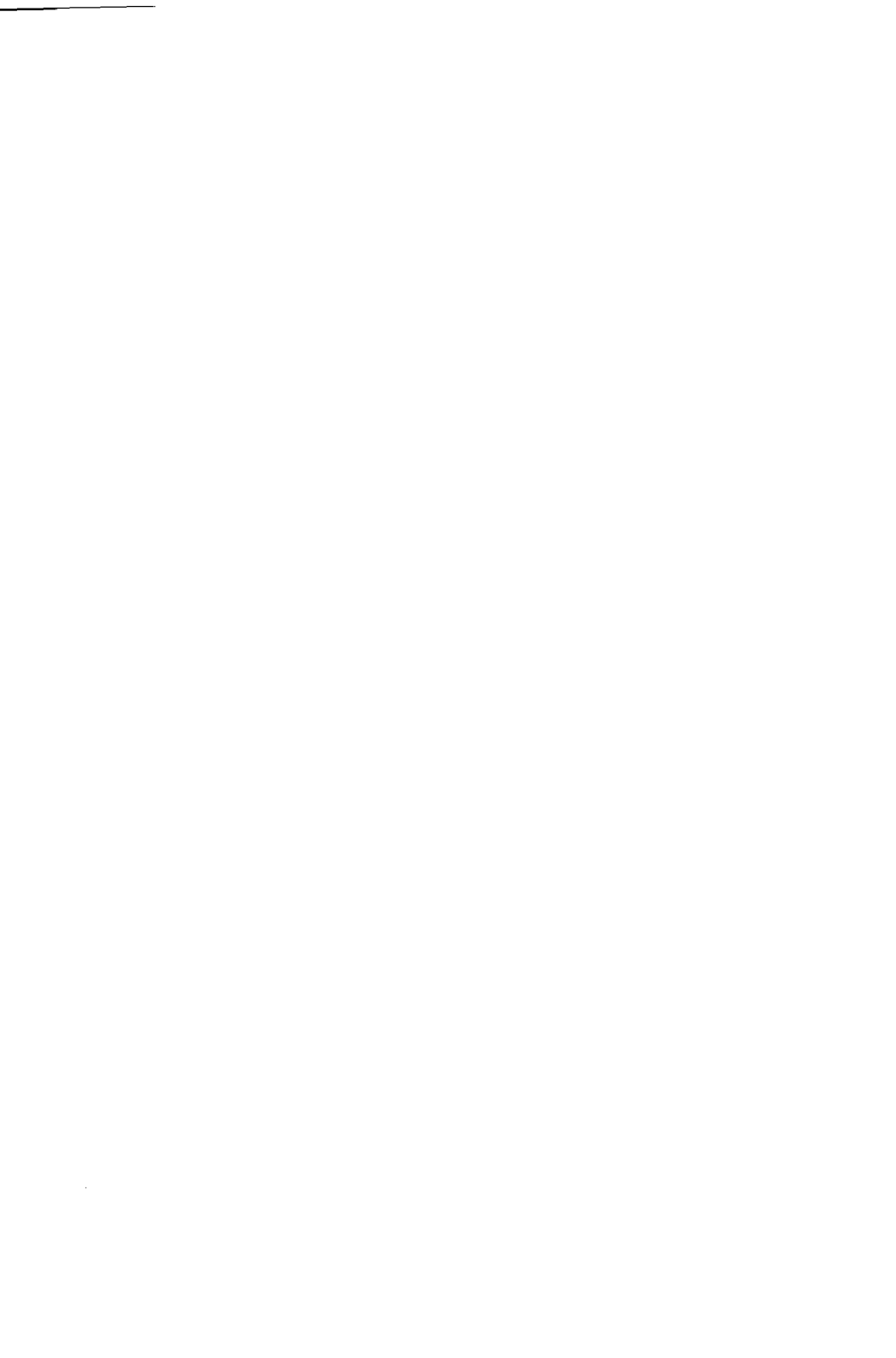
Dunning, John H. (1979). "Explaining changing patterns of international production: in defence of the eclectic theory", *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 41 (November), pp. 269-295.

United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations (1991). *World Investment Report 1991: The Triad in Foreign Direct Investment*. Sales No. E.91.II.A.12.

All manuscripts accepted for publication will be subjected to editing to ensure conformity with United Nations practice.

ERRATUM

There were two unintended omissions in the December 1996 (vol. 5, No. 3) issue of *Transnational Corporations*: on page 99, we did not mention that Peter Buckley is Professor of International Business, School of Business and Economic Studies, University of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom; and that Necla Geyikdagi is Assistant Professor of International Business, College of Business, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York, United States. We apologize to the authors and our readers.



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