**Call for Papers for a pre-organized panel at the SASE 2025**

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**Network O (Global Value Chains)**

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**FOREIGN INVESTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT: TIME FOR A NEW AGENDA?**

Twenty years after Lall and Narula's (2004) call to reassess foreign direct investment (FDI) in the context of a liberalizing global economy, a similar reevaluation is now deemed necessary due to significant changes affecting FDI today. These include a growing emphasis on sustainability, advancements in digital technology, and increasing geopolitical tensions.

The current context is marked by heightened interest from various countries and international organizations in utilizing foreign investment for development. This has been a central theme for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), particularly in its World Investment Report, and has gained traction at the World Trade Organization (WTO), which is negotiating an Investment Facilitation for Development agreement aimed at enhancing the investment environment in developing nations. The newly formed World Investment for Development Alliance (WIDA), a collaboration among multiple international governmental organizations and the Academy of International Business (AIB), further underscores the importance of sustainable international investment. The special issue aspires to offer theoretical and empirical insights that will aid international organizations and governments in crafting effective FDI policies geared toward development.

To push the research frontier on those lines, we are organizing a pre-formed panel with multiple paper presentations at SASE 2025 featuring contributions that can help push forward the research frontier by addressing topics such as:

***Relation between FDI and economic/sustainable development:*** *Types of FDI and their impact on economic development;**Impact of FDI on different levels and paths of economic/sustainable development: External factors impacting FDI and economic development:*

***Relation between policies and FDI/international business:*** *Policy impacts FDI/international business; FDI/international business impacts policy:*

This special panel relates to the Special Issue on Journal of International Business Policy, whose deadline is end of August 2025 and will represent an opportunity to receive feedback on paper proposal (for more information on the call for paper of the JIBP SI (<https://www.palgrave.com/gp/journal/42214/authors/calls-for-papers>).

Participation to the panel do not imply submission to the SI and viceversa.

If you are interested in participating to the panel, please send an email to Roberta Rabellotti ([roberta.rabellotti@unipv.it](mailto:roberta.rabellotti@unipv.it)) by **December 9th, 2024**.

Please include Author(s) full name, email address, University/Affiliation, country (please list the authors in the order in which you wish them to appear in the program and indicate who will be presenting the paper), title of paper and abstract. We will let you know whether your submission has been included by **December 13th 2024.**

**Please note that you will have to submit your abstract also to SASE (**[**https://sase.org/event/2025-montreal/)**](https://sase.org/event/2025-montreal/)

***Please also note that participating to SASE do not require to submit full paper but just an abstract.***