

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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### **Breaking up the global value chain: Opportunities and consequences**

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With intensified global competition, institutional changes and reduced communication costs the propensity of firms to reconfigure their global value chain and separate their activities across national boundaries has increased markedly. It enables firms to combine the benefits arising from specialization and increased flexibility with location advantages. As a consequence, knowledge-intensive activities (e.g. R&D, design, marketing, finance etc.) have been typically centralized in the home country, while large part of manufacturing and other more standardized activities have been offshored to emerging countries mainly to exploit cost advantages (Mudambi, 2007; Contractor et al., 2010). However, recent developments are challenging this traditional separation between advanced and emerging economies as host of knowledge- and production-intensive activities, respectively.

Recent research has started to emphasize the role of intra-organizational relationships and linkages among the different parts of the value chain. In particular, innovative and productive activities are affected by strong interdependencies and complementarities, and for some companies the co-location of R&D and manufacturing is critical for development and innovation. Hence, the loss of manufacturing capabilities might also imply the reduction of innovation competencies (Pisano and Shih, 2012).

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#### **Submission Information**

Authors should submit an electronic copy of their proposal (5 pages) to the Editors of the volume ([Adv.Intl.Mgt@gmail.com](mailto:Adv.Intl.Mgt@gmail.com)) by **July 1, 2016**. Our suggestion is to not submit your proposal before June 1 as we will not be examining them in sequence.

Based on the proposals that we receive we will invite participants for **a workshop to be held in Milan, Italy on October 28, 2016**. The purpose of this workshop is to bring the manuscripts up to the state of the art, and create coherence among the papers.

Those asked to participate in the workshop will need to submit a draft of the full paper by **October 20, 2016**. Although attendance at this workshop is not mandatory, it is strongly recommended.

Submission deadline for revised papers: **February 1, 2017** – and the publication date of volume: **July 2017**.

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