



Call for Papers

[Academy of International Business, Southeast USA Chapter](#)

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Washington, D.C.

Conference Theme

Navigating (Anti)Globalism

Submission Deadline: June 15, 2017

AIB-SE is excited to announce its 2017 annual conference with the theme: *Navigating (Anti)Globalism*. Trade liberalization has stalled and coincided with a rise in protectionist and anti-globalist sentiment, e.g., Brexit, rejection of the TPP in the US, and opposition to the TTIP in the EU. These unanticipated and rapidly changing developments create uncertainty for global business leaders, who must now strategize on how to deal with consumers, governments, and markets in this new environment. A number of questions come to mind, e.g., How can foreign firms overcome protectionist sentiments among consumers and government regulators? How can/should domestic firms capitalize on them? What are the implications of negative sentiments towards immigration for expatriates and talent management? Will capital flows change due to political resentment?

Since this new uncertain environment affects all areas of business, there is no special track devoted to the theme, rather we encourage submissions in their respective tracks that directly address conducting international business in this new environment. Fittingly, this year's conference takes place in Washington, D.C., in cooperation with [the University of the District of Columbia](#).

AIB-SE (www.aibse.org) is one of the largest and most active regional divisions of the Academy of International Business's eighteen worldwide chapters. AIB-SE's annual conference centers on

the presentation of the newest ideas in international business to an international audience of academic scholars and business practitioners. The conference is characterized by a strong professional focus, providing participants with a supportive and collegial platform to discuss and develop their ideas, as well as opportunity for mentoring of authors to enhance their papers for publication. Over the past five years, AIB-SE has experienced significant transformation and growth becoming a reputable academic meeting of choice for almost 350 participants from more than 40 countries.

Conference Highlights

1. **Professional Development** – AIB-SE has traditionally had a strong focus on professional development. As in past years, the 2017 conference will feature consortia for doctoral students and junior faculty, methodological PDWs, interactive and competitive paper sessions, opportunities for undergraduate students, and panels on cutting issues in international business. Details on each of these will be released over the coming months.

2. **Publishing Opportunities**

All accepted conference papers will be published as abstracts in the *2017 AIB-SE Conference Proceedings*. The best papers from the conference will be invited for submission to AIB-SE's own journal, [*International Business: Research, Teaching and Practice*](#).

Additionally, AIB-SE is partnering with the *International Journal of Emerging Markets* for a **Special Issue on [Islamic Finance and Business](#)**. Please see Track 12 below for information on this opportunity.

3. **Conference Awards** – Prestigious awards with cash prizes will be given for the conference *Best Paper*, *Best Paper - Conference Theme*, *Best Paper- Doctoral Student*, *Best Paper- Master's student*, and *Best Paper - Undergraduate student*. Consistent with the developmental focus of AIB-SE, we also recognize the *best reviewer* and the *best student reviewer*.

Paper and Panel Submissions

Paper and panel submissions for AIB-SE 2017 are organized under the following topical tracks. Each paper or panel proposal can only be submitted to one track. Please select the track that is the best fit for your submission from the list below:

1. **IB Theory, FDI, and Entry Mode Strategies**

This track seeks both conceptual and empirical submissions that advance our understanding of International Business theory from any disciplinary lenses. The submissions may include single- or multi-country studies that shed light on any international business phenomenon—including, but not restricted to: (1) IB theories/paradigms, (2) FDI trends and their implications, and (3) entry strategies into international markets. We welcome a diverse range of topics within each of the above-mentioned themes, and strongly encourage submissions that attempt to expose—and

possibly reconcile—potential gaps vis-à-vis any "East-West"/"North-South" theoretical and empirical platform(s). Papers highlighting emerging and developing markets are encouraged

Track Chairs:

Hemant Merchant, University of South Florida St. Petersburg, hmerchant@mail.usf.edu
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2. Global Strategy and Competitiveness of the Multinational Enterprise.

This track invites conceptual and empirical papers that deal with MNC/MNEs global business strategies, and their impact on competitiveness. We encourage papers that examine the relationship between global strategies and how these relate to institutional or economic changes in home and host countries.

Track Chairs:

Daniel W. Baack, University of Denver, daniel.baack@du.edu
Chuandi (Charlie) Jiang, Saint Louis University chuandijiang@slu.edu
Kun Michelle Yang, Central Michigan University, yanglkm@cmich.edu

3. Governments, NGO's, Global Institutions and State-Owned Enterprises:

Papers that examine how the regulatory and/or political environments shape, influence and impact international firms, NGOs, and state owned enterprises. Appropriate for this track are papers dealing with institutional and political risk including regulation, policy and trade relations. Papers that offer conceptual and empirical insights on global issues, such as the impact of terrorism, climate change, health, and human rights are welcome as well.

Track Chairs:

Rachida Aissaoui, Ohio University, aissaoui@ohio.edu
Alexander A. Assouad, Belmont University, alexander.assouad@belmont.edu

4. International Marketing

This track invites papers that address marketing issues in cross-national and cross-cultural environments. We welcome contributions focusing on traditional aspects of international marketing, like international marketing strategy, market selection/segmentation and marketing mix management. We also welcome contributions focusing on global branding, country-of-origin effects, consumer-related orientations and attitudes like animosity, global identity, global consumption orientation, consumer ethnocentrism, and others provided there is a strong international marketing positioning of the paper.

Track Chairs:

George Nakos, Clayton State University GeorgeNakos@clayton.edu
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5. **International Accounting, Economics, and Finance**

Accounting, Economics or Finance contributions (e.g. M&As, valuation, capital flows, international investments, international portfolio management, exchange rates, transfer pricing, international trade, international political economy, international economic development, international taxation, international audit, convergence of financial accounting standards or global performance evaluation challenges, etc.) are welcome. Papers dealing with applied or theoretical economics papers and/or economics research methods, including developing theory using the tools of economics, accounting and finance are invited for this track. Papers examining accounting, finance and economics research questions such as international portfolio management, international trade and development are also appropriate for this track.

Track Chairs:

Renee Castrigano, Gannon University, castriga001@gannon.edu
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6. **Entrepreneurship, SMEs, and Born Globals**

This track seeks submissions that advance our understanding of Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), international entrepreneurship or comparative cross cultural entrepreneurship, family firms, business groups, and the unique format of the Born Global. Of interest are the papers that explore crucial insights into “born global” firms as they grow and mature over time, how some firms internationalize early than others, and how entrepreneurship, family owned, business groups, SMEs and born globals add value to international business scholarship.

Track Chairs:

Amit Arora, Savannah State University, aroraam@savannahstate.edu
Kaveh Moghaddam, University of Houston-Victoria, moghaddamk@uhv.edu

7. **Organization and Human Resources of the MNE**

This track seeks to explore ways in which MNEs operate across diverse international contexts, and how they configure themselves internally and externally. Novel forms of organization that cross geographic locations such as virtual teams, internal knowledge networks, diversity management and offshore divisional headquarters are welcome in this track. Moreover, we seek contributions that challenge conventional theories and knowledge on HRM in an international context, covering for instance Employee Relations, Expatriation, Team Management, Global Talent Management and Performance Management. Contributions may be empirical or conceptual, comparative or apply single country analysis.

Track Chairs:

Edward Akoto, Henderson State University, akotoe@hsu.edu
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8. **Culture, Culture Theory, and Cultural Distance**

This track seeks submissions where the primary contribution is advancement of culture theory, culture measures, comparative frameworks, and specific constructs or theoretical development in the area of understanding the role of culture in international or global business environments. We welcome both empirical and conceptual papers. This track is open to both micro and macro perspectives, to different levels of analysis, and to different levels and conceptualizations of culture (e.g., national culture, organizational culture, professional culture, global communities) within the context of international business.

Track Chairs:

Reccia Charles, St Georges University, rcharles1@sgu.edu

Nazly Nardi, Nova Southeastern University, nnardi@gmail.com

9. **Research Methods, Cross-Cultural Measurement, Analytics and Metrics**

This track seeks submissions where the primary contribution is advancement in international research methods or measurement. Papers can be from any topical area but focus on measurement development, methods, or issues specific to the rigors of conducting international and cross-cultural comparative research. Qualitative or quantitative methods, emic, etic, approaches and techniques are welcome.

Track Chairs:

Vas Taras, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, v_taras@uncg.edu

Jun Wu, Savannah State University, wuj@savannahstate.edu

10. **The World of International Business Education**

This track seeks to contribute to effective and innovative IB/IM teaching and learning at the classroom and curricular level. These empirical or case-based submissions may include, but are not limited to, topics such as managing classroom diversity, student research, simulations, case-studies, role plays, other technology enhanced learning activities, essential IB coursework and competencies at distinct educational levels, study abroad programs, and accreditation processes.

Track Chairs:

Anne Marie Zwerg-Villegas, Universidad de La Sabana, anne.zwerg@unisabana.edu.co

11. **Undergraduate/Graduate Students**

All undergraduate and master's level submissions regardless of the topical area should be submitted to this special track for non-doctoral student work. This track is a great option for faculty who would like to expose their students who are interested in academic or research careers to the dynamics of a scholarly conference.

Track Chairs:

Charles Bryant, Florida Institute of Technology, bryantc@fit.edu

12. **Special Issue Track: Islamic Business and Finance**

This track invites original papers that investigate relatively new topics in Islamic finance environment, such as *sukuk*, Islamic mutual funds, Islamic stock exchanges, and *takaful*. We are also interested in Islamic banking papers, but only if they provide new perspectives on risks/opportunities or new regulatory issues that are not yet well covered by previous literature. We also welcome contributions on from topics assessing the Islamic business environment in general. In particular: (1) Islamic differences in the management of organizations and workplace spirituality; (2) economic moralities and the role of Islam in shaping business practices; (3) Islam's role in creating synergy and conflict; (4) and the relationship of Islam to ethical or socially-responsible investment.

This track will run as a paper workshop for a special issue of International Journal of Emerging markets. The editorial board will invite the best papers fitting with this topic in a 'special workshop session' in order to improve them before submitting to IJOEM special issue. The invitation to the 'special workshop session' does not imply an immediate acceptance of the paper in the special issue. The submission deadline for the special issue is December 15, 2017 so there is time to take advantage of the workshop to ready your submissions. Working papers are welcome as submissions to the conference. **Manuscripts should be submitted via the [AIB-SE online submission system](#) by June 15th, 2017. Please contact Track Chair Andrea Paltrinieri with any questions regarding the IJoEM Special Issue.**

Track Chairs:

Andrea Paltrinieri, Università di Udine, andrea.paltrinieri@uniud.it
Matthew Mitchell, Drake University, matthew.mitchell@drake.edu

13. **Special Track: Impacts of Trade and Tourism**

Continuing conversations from last year's conference theme, this track seeks submissions focused on the economic, environmental, political, or social impacts of global trade and tourism and how these impact the management of associated firms. We welcome contributions from a broad range of topics linking international trade, sustainability and tourism, including papers that focus on ecological economics, the cross-country politics of environmental sustainability, international business and climate change, fair trade, globalization and worker rights, the impact of climate change on tourism, the effects of culture and institutions on the social responsibility of the enterprise, antecedents and outcomes of sustainable business practices in multinational enterprises, social rights and international tourism consumptions, and eco-tourism. Contributions examining both country- and firm-level factors are welcome.

Track Chairs:

Stan Suboleski, Georgia Southern University, ssuboleski@georgiasouthern.edu
Veselina Vacheva, North Central College, vpvracheva@noctrl.edu

14. **Special Track: Gender in International Business Research**

Organized in cooperation with WAIB, this track invites conceptual and empirical papers on topics specifically related gender in the international business context. Some examples of topics of interest include: how gender inspires conflicts and creative synergies in an

international business context, cultural differences in gender roles/identities for cross-cultural management/management in the international context, gender imbalances in international management, gender and status, gender and leadership, gender and expatriate assignments, gender and international business law, sexual orientation and transgender status in cross-cultural management contexts, masculinity in management and the gendering of work roles, gender in conjunction with other identities, gender and economic development and/or gender in developing countries, culture and women's entrepreneurship.

Track Chairs:

Margaret Carlson, Clayton State University, margaretthompson@clayton.edu

Conference Submission Instructions

All submissions will be handled through the AIB-SE online submission system. All manuscripts and proposals must be submitted by **June 15, 2017**. For up-to-date information about the conference and related events, please check the conference website at <http://www.aibse.org>. Any questions regarding this call for papers should be addressed to the appropriate track chair(s) or to the Program Chair.

There will be three kinds of sessions:

- 1) **Competitive Sessions** – Submissions of fully developed papers are appropriate for consideration for competitive sessions. Competitive papers must be fewer than 10,000 words inclusive of all materials, including appendices and references.
- 2) **Interactive Sessions** – Shorter manuscripts or work-in-progress pieces that could benefit from informal feedback from other participants are appropriate for submission to interactive sessions. These sessions are held in roundtable discussion format that allows for interaction with other researchers with similar interests. Interactive papers should be 2,500 to no more than 5,000 words.
Please note that submitting a manuscript as a competitive paper does not necessarily mean it will end up in a competitive session. The best papers in each track will be placed into the competitive sessions while lesser-developed papers will be placed in interactive sessions. The number of competitive papers we can accept for the conference is limited and therefore sometimes fully developed papers will be placed in an interactive format session due to space considerations.
- 3) **Special Topic/Panel Sessions** – We invite special topic/panel sessions, which can be in a variety of formats. Proposals for special sessions should describe the topic, session format, and its importance to international business research or education and identify all individuals (with their qualifications) who will formally participate. Panel proposals should be limited to no more than 5,000 words. Selection of special topics/ panel sessions will be limited and according to the quality of the panel, and currency of the topic. The panel sessions are also used for new topics that are important in the current IB

environment where in-depth research is yet to be conducted. Proposals for PDWs in teaching or research may also be submitted under this format.

Submission Guidelines

All submissions must conform to the following guidelines:

- The document must be stripped of all identifying information: Do not include a cover page. The 'File Properties' for the documents should be cleaned to remove identifying information.
- Each manuscript should be accompanied by an abstract, not to exceed 200 words.
- Submissions must be formatted as follows: Letter sized page (8.5"x11" or 216×279 mm), with one-inch (2.5 cm) margins, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12-point font.
- The manuscript should preferably be saved in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format to ensure that reviewers see it in the intended way. However, Microsoft Word files will also be accepted.
- Please ensure all files are checked for viruses using updated anti-virus software before submission.

After Submission

Authors will be sent an automatic e-mail confirmation message upon successful uploading of their paper on the website acknowledging receipt of their submission. If you do not receive an acknowledgment within 24 hours of submitting your manuscript or proposal, please inform the conference chairs, [Dr. Jeffrey Kappen](#) and [Dr. Stan Westjohn](#). All manuscript submissions will be subject to a blind review process and will be evaluated based on interest to AIB-SE members, relevance to IB research, teaching and/or practice, analytical and conceptual rigor, quantitative and qualitative methods (if applicable), innovativeness, and significance of conclusions. Panel proposals will be evaluated based on interest to AIB members, relevance to IB research, teaching and/or practice, quality, innovativeness, fit with conference theme, and diversity of participants.

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