



## **GLOBAL BUSINESS and SUPPLY CHAINS in a VUCA WORLD: UNSDGs, SUSTAINABILITY, and RESILIENCY**

November 4 & 5, 2022  
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Rowe School of Business, Faculty of Management,  
Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada

### **KEY DATES:**

Submission deadline: August 12, 2022  
Authors notified by August 26, 2022  
Final Program by September 1, 2022  
Conference date: November 4 & 5, 2022

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**CONFERENCE THEME:** In a volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA) world, the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) provide an overarching framework in mitigating the grand challenges of the "modern world." From pressing issues of climate change and global outbreaks to social struggles to trade wars to oppressions of culture, these challenges call for transdisciplinary scholars to network, develop collaborative research ideas and plans, and provide insights to inform decision- and policy-making bodies. In this conference, we plan to share the best and unsuccessful practices of global companies in instilling sustainability and resiliency in global business and supply chains and map a cutting-edge research agenda.

We invite submissions from scholars and practitioners who study the crucial questions related to this conference theme. The topics of interest include, but are not limited to,

- How does the management paradigm change within a VUCA business landscape?
- What are the key strategic decisions for sustainable global business in a VUCA world?
- How do sustainability imperatives change global business and supply chains?
- What did COVID-19 teach us about resiliency in global business and supply chains?
- How can UNSDGs be utilized in enhancing sustainability and resiliency in business?
- How do Canadian companies fare in a VUCA world?
- What are the current key challenges and research issues facing global and Canadian companies?

**CONFERENCE FORMAT:** The conference will be structured as a combination of keynote speaker sessions, competitive paper sessions, panel discussions, and a paper development workshop for emerging research ideas. Conference fees will be waived for paper presenters, development workshop participants, and graduate students.

**COMPETITIVE PAPER SESSIONS:** Submissions with diverse research methodologies, such as empirical studies, analytical modelling, and multi-methodological approaches, are welcome. Please submit a 5 to 7-pages (double-spaced, plus abstract and references) long structured proposal by August 12, 2022. Name your filename as follows [YOUR-NAME]\_AIBCANADA\_COMPETITIVE. Send your submission to: aibca22@dal.ca

**JIBS-JIBP PAPER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP (PDW):** The purpose of the PDW is to provide scholars with developmental feedback on their international business research. We invite original papers from authors who have not previously published in the *Journal of International Business Studies* or the *Journal of International Business Policy*. We particularly encourage submissions from Ph.D. students and junior scholars who seek feedback on their research projects, or scholars who are trained in disciplines associated with the field (e.g., supply chain management, management science, economics, geography, innovation studies, political science) but are interested in targeting international business journals. The paper does not need to be connected to the AIB-Canada Chapter Conference theme. PDW participants will receive feedback on their work from experienced international business scholars on the JIBS or JIBP Editorial Board. Authors will then be paired with experienced scholars to discuss their papers. We encourage a broad range of submissions, both empirical and conceptual.

Format your paper using the style guide of JIBS.

Please submit your paper with a maximum length of 20 pages (excluding references) by August 12, 2022.

Name your filename as follows [YOUR-NAME]\_AIBCANADA22\_PDW].

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### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration: Registration opens on Friday, July 1, 2022. Registration is free, but you must have an active AIB membership through November 5, 2022 to participate. AIB membership can be subscribed at

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