

### Chapter 1

Globalization and the Multinational Corporation

#### 1.1 Introduction

- Globalization
  - Increasing connectivity and integration of countries and corporations and the people within them in terms of their economic, political, and social activities
- Multinational corporations
  - Produce and sell goods or services in more than one nation
  - BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India and China) offer a lot of opportunities for expansion
- International scope creates opportunities but also challenges
  - Recent crisis

- The growth of international trade
  - Trade liberalization so countries can specialize at production of goods for which they have a comparative advantage
    - 1960s only 20% of countries were open
    - By 2000, over 70% of countries were open
    - Free Trade agreements
      - GATT (1947)
      - WTO (1986)
      - Regional Trade agreements (European Union, NAFTA, ASEAN)
  - Outsourcing
    - Shifting of non-strategic functions to specialist firms

- The growth in trade
  - Germany is most open, United States is least open
  - China's trade jumped due to trade reforms
  - Countries that border oceans tend to trade more
  - Large countries tend to trade less than small

- Incredible growth in MNCs after WWII
  - 37,000 MNCs in 1990
  - 82,053 in 2010
  - More than 50% of international trade occurs within MNCs
- Globalization of financial markets
  - Trends in financial openness
    - Countries began to allow foreigners to invest in their markets (1980s)
    - Creation of new asset class emerging markets
  - New financial landscape derivatives
    - An investment whose payoff over time is derived from the performance of underlying assets (futures, forwards...)
    - Securitization repackaging of "pools" of loans or other receivables to create a new financial instrument

### Exhibit 1.1 (Panel A) International Trade as a Percentage of GDP

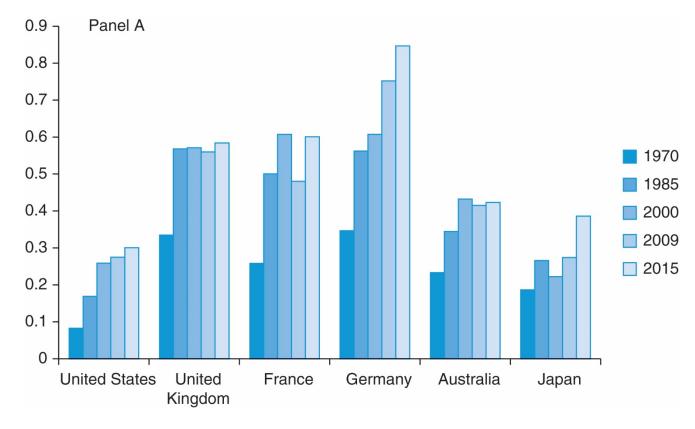
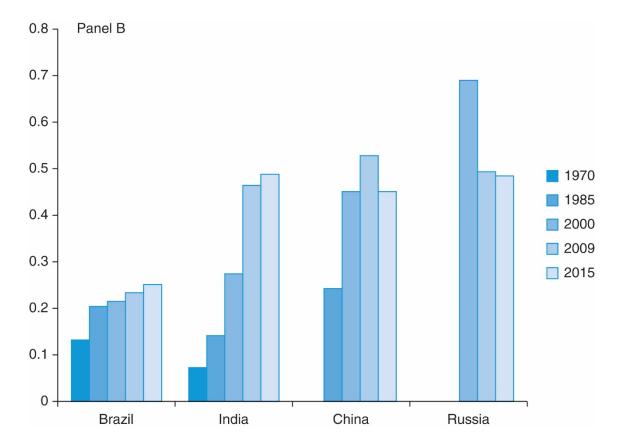
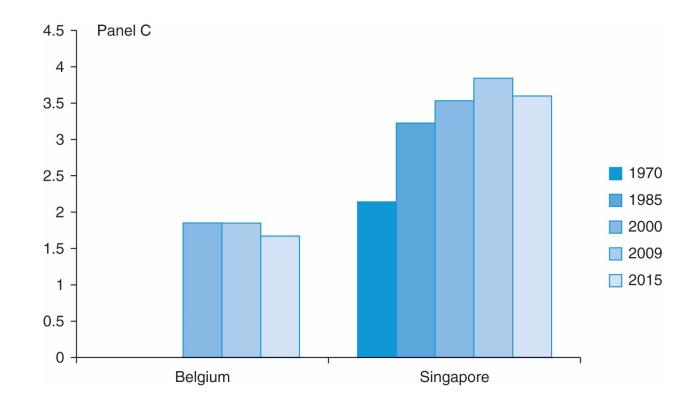


Exhibit 1.1 (Panel B) International Trade as a Percentage of GDP



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## Exhibit 1.1 (Panel C) International Trade as a Percentage of GDP



- Globalization of financial markets
  - Pros and cons of development
    - Pro banks (and companies) could hedge against risk
    - Cons smart financiers exploit differences in country-specific regulations and complexity of instruments created opaqueness in the financial system
      - Global Financial Crisis 2008 2010
        - Started in U.S.
        - Longest and deepest in the postwar era
        - Scale and depth of crisis raises deep issues about the functioning of the global financial system

### 1.3 Multinational Corporations

- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)
  - When a company from one country buys at least 10% of a company in another country
  - Has grown from \$7.5 trillion in 2000 to \$25.0 trillion in 2015
  - Mergers and acquisitions (M&A) play a huge role in this trend

## Exhibit 1.5 Foreign Direct Investment as a Percentage of GDP

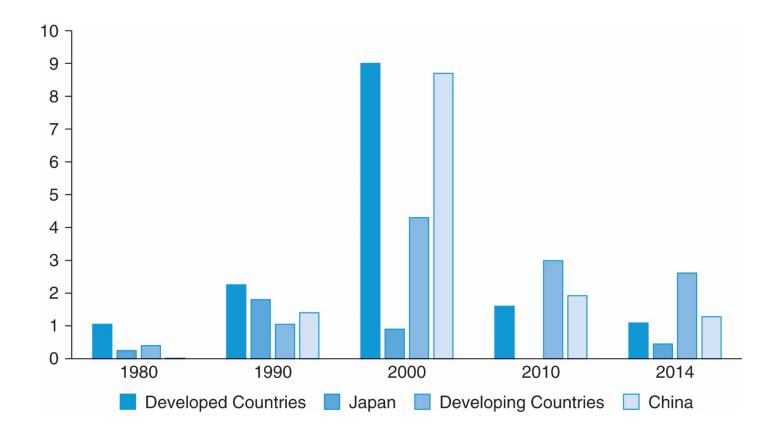


Exhibit 1.6 Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions, 2000–2015 (in millions of dollars)

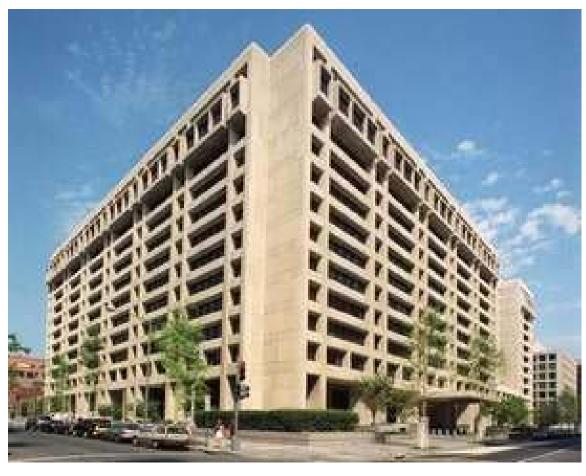
Exhibit 1.6 Cross-border mergers and acquisitions, 2000–2015 (in millions of dollars)

	By purchas	ser		By seller		
Region/Economy	2000	2010	2015	2000	2010	2015
World	959,681	347,094	721,455	959,681	347,094	721,455
Developed economies	894,982	224,759	585,860	870,099	259,926	630,853
Europe	724,478	44,262	318,047	507,745	127,458	295,090
France	154,785	6,180	23,506	33,579	3,573	44,104
Germany	9,737	7,025	46,669	232,578	10,515	14,604
Ireland	5,985	5,124	97,480	3,665	2,127	48,049
Italy	18,439	(5,190)	3,101	11,300	6,329	14,269
Luxembourg	492	1,558	17,352	26	2,138	13,558
Netherlands	33,604	16,418	20,275	28,779	4,162	15,540
Spain	36,495	2,898	16,715	20,095	10,348	9,665
Switzerland	59,786	12,928	39,971	5,765	1,321	17,416
United Kingdom	339,546	(3,851)	34,955	112,160	60,826	71,047
North America	150,430	120,717	207,851	332,885	97,616	313,368
Canada	39,032	35,614	87,826	79,944	13,272	14,629
United States	111,398	85,104	120,024	252,941	84,344	298,739
Other developed economies	20,074	59,779	59,963	29,469	34,853	22,396
Australia	3,441	15,629	11,527	8,861	27,172	9,091
Japan	3,107	31,271	50,381	11,439	7,114	3,203
Developing economies	60,810	100,378	119,057	88,971	83,072	81,181
Africa	2,938	3,792	3,358	2,387	7,493	20,414
South Africa	2,934	1,619	549	352	3,653	20,969
Asia	53,181	79,865	110,342	52,771	37,723	46,398
China	(398)	29,828	43,653	37,875	6,758	9,660
Hong Kong, China	39,865	13,318	17,916	1,472	12,684	23,832
Korea, Republic of	1,286	9,952	563	6,345	(2,063)	(3,649)
Kuwait	(480)	(10,793)	731	0	460	868
Qatar	2	626	8,838	0	12	0
Singapore	7,504	8,963	21,130	1,397	3,859	4,977
Latin America and the Caribbean	4,323	16,725	5,340	33,811	29,013	12,134
Brazil	239	9,030	(1,654)	12,981	10,115	2,719
Mexico	4,031	2,896	2,393	4,528	7,989	4,765
Russian Federation	294	3,875	4,338	411	2,882	6,677

### 1.4 Other Important International Players

- International banks
- International institutions
  - International Monetary Funds (IMF)
    - Member organization whose goal is to ensure the stability of the international monetary and financial system through surveillance and technical assistance
  - The World Bank
    - Member organization whose goals are development, poverty alleviation and advising
      - IBRD middle-income countries
      - IDA poorest countries
      - IFC grow private sector of developing nations

#### International Monetary Fund



- The IMF monitors and regulates the international monetary system
- One of its main functions is to provide advice and policy recommendations to emerging markets and LDCs
- It also monitors the financial systems in member countries
- It provides loans to countries that have difficulties repaying sovereign debt
- It usually imposes "conditions" on policy goals in return for making these loans.



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#### World Bank



- The World Bank borrows on international financial markets, and makes loans to middleincome and developing countries.
- Many loans to developing countries are at subsidized rates.
- There are also a number of regional lenders, or "multilateral development banks", such as the Inter-American Development Bank or the Asian Development Bank
- A new multilateral lender sponsored by China is the Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank



### 1.4 Other Important International Players

- Multilateral development banks
  - Regional development banks (including World Bank and regional banks in Africa, Asia and Europe)
     who provide financing and grants
- World Trade organization (WTO)
  - Mediates trade disputes
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
  - Examines, devises and coordinates policies across 34 relatively wealthy nations to foster sustainable economic growth and employment, rising standards of living and financial stability
- Bank for International Settlements (BIS)
  - Fosters international monetary and financial cooperation central banks' central bank

#### World Trade Organization



- The WTO is a forum for negotiating international trade agreements
- Developed from GATT the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.
- The key principle is the Most Favored Nation clause
- There is a WTO court for settling trade disputes
- The WTO vs. regional trade agreements
- The WTO vs. bilateral trade agreements

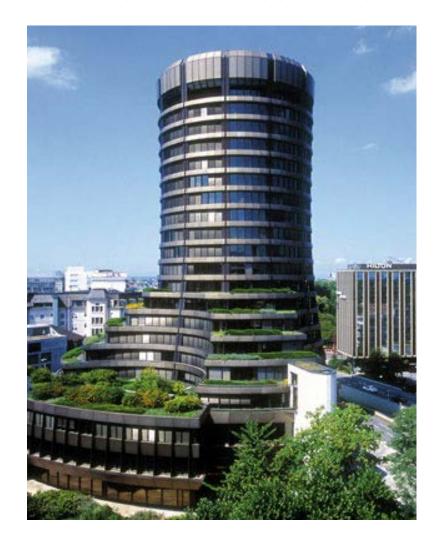


#### Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development



- The OECD is an organization of "rich" countries
- It coordinates economic policy and provide a forum for policy discussions

#### Bank for International Settlements



- The BIS is a forum for international financial regulation
- It hosted the meetings that established the Basel Accords
- The same building hosts the Financial Stability Board that monitors macro-financial risks in member countries
- The BIS also manages reserves for central banks around the world that don't have the capabilities of doing that themselves.

### 1.4 Other Important International Players

- European Union (EU)
  - Cooperation among countries in this region and (in most cases) the adoption of the same currency to promote international business
  - Economic and monetary union (EMU)
- Governments
- Individual investors
- Institutional investors
- Sovereign wealth funds
  - Government-run investment pools
- Hedge funds
- Private equity funds



#### European Central Bank



- The ECB sets monetary policy for member of the European Monetary Union (EMU), and in particular, the euro area
- 19 countries in Europe use the euro as their currency
- Pros and cons of a single currency



### 1.5 Globalization and the MNC: Benefactor or Menace?

- Countries who had opened their markets to foreigners subsequently fell into crisis
- Benefits of openness
  - Channels savings to most productive uses
  - Sharing of risk beyond what is possible domestically
  - Domestic recessions can be buffered through borrowing
  - Cost of capital decreases
- Costs of openness
  - Sometimes capital is not used wisely
  - Foreign capital can leave quickly causing financial volatility
  - Difficulty in taxing profits MNCs shift to avoid
  - Capital control effectiveness decreases

#### **Capital Mobility**

Much of the analysis of the textbook assumes capital flows freely across borders

However, many countries have restrictions both on capital inflows and outflows.

- Capital inflows are foreign investments into a country loans, purchases of equity, etc.
- Capital outflows are domestic investments into another country
- Capital inflows include repatriation by domestic investors of foreign investments
- Capital outflows include repatriation by foreign investors of domestic investments

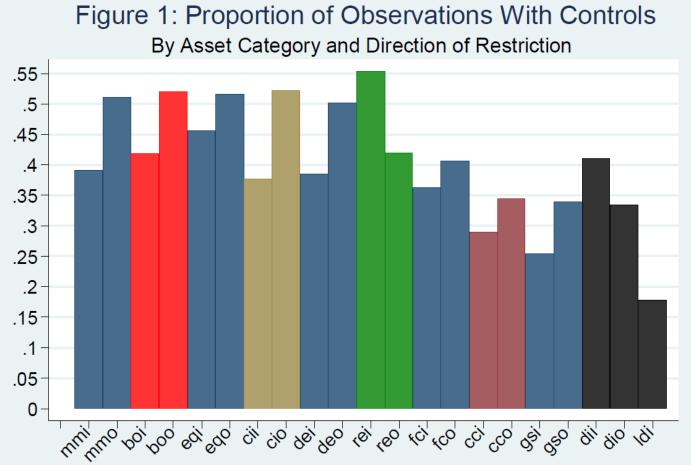
We can get some sense of capital controls from the Fernandez et al. paper

Table 2: Countries In Data Set, By Income Groups, With Open/Gate/Wall Category					
High (42)		Upper Middle (26)		Lower Middle & Low (32)	
Australia	Gate	Algeria Wall Banglade		Bangladesh*	Gate
Austria	Open	Angola	Wall	Bolivia	Gate
Bahrain	Gate	Argentina	Gate	Burkina Faso*	Gate
Belgium	Open	Brazil	Gate	Cote d'Ivoire	Wall
Brunei Darussalam	Open	Bulgaria	Gate	Egypt	Open
Canada	Open	China	Wall	El Salvador	Open
Chile	Gate	Colombia	Gate	Ethiopia*	Gate
Cyprus	Gate	Costa Rica	Open	Georgia	Open
Czech Republic	Gate	Dominican Republic	Gate	Ghana	Gate
Denmark	Open	Ecuador	Gate	Guatemala	Open
Finland	Open	Hungary	Gate	India	Wall
France	Open	Iran	Gate	Indonesia	Gate
Germany	Gate	Jamaica	Gate	Kenya*	Gate
Greece	Open	Kazakhstan	Gate	Kyrgyz Republic	Gate
Hong Kong	Open	Lebanon	Gate	Moldova	Gate

Iceland	Gate	Malaysia	Wall	Morocco	Wall
Ireland	Open	Mauritius	Open	Myanmar*	Gate
Israel	Gate	Mexico	Gate	Nicaragua	Open
Italy	Open	Panama	Open	Nigeria	Gate
Japan	Open	Peru	Open	Pakistan	Wall
Korea	Gate	Romania	Gate	Paraguay	Open
Kuwait	Gate	South Africa	Gate	Philippines	Wall
Latvia	Open	Thailand	Gate	Sri Lanka	Wall
Malta	Gate	Tunisia	Wall	Swaziland	Wall
Netherlands	Open	Turkey	Gate	Tanzania*	Wall
New Zealand	Open	Venezuela	Gate	Togo*	Wall
Norway	Open			Uganda*	Gate
Oman	Open			Ukraine	Wall
Poland	Gate			Uzbekistan	Wall
Portugal	Gate			Vietnam	Gate
Qatar	Open			Yemen	Open
Russia	Gate			Zambia	Open

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Saudi Arabia	Gate				
Singapore	Open				
Slovenia	Gate				
Spain	Open		* = Low Income rather than		
Sweden	Open		Lower Middle Income		
Switzerland	Gate				
U.A.E.	Gate				
United Kingdom	Open				
United States	Open				
Uruguay	Open				
Open (36) / Gate (48) / Wall (16)					
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Asset Category and Direction (Inflow (i) or Outflow (o)) of Restriction mm – Money Market Instruments (Debt instruments with maturity 1 year or less) bo – Bonds (Debt instruments with maturity greater than 1 year) eq – Equities ci – Collective Investments de – Derivatives re – Real Estate

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Figure 2a: Average Controls on Inflows by Income Group
Averages Across 10 Asset Categories

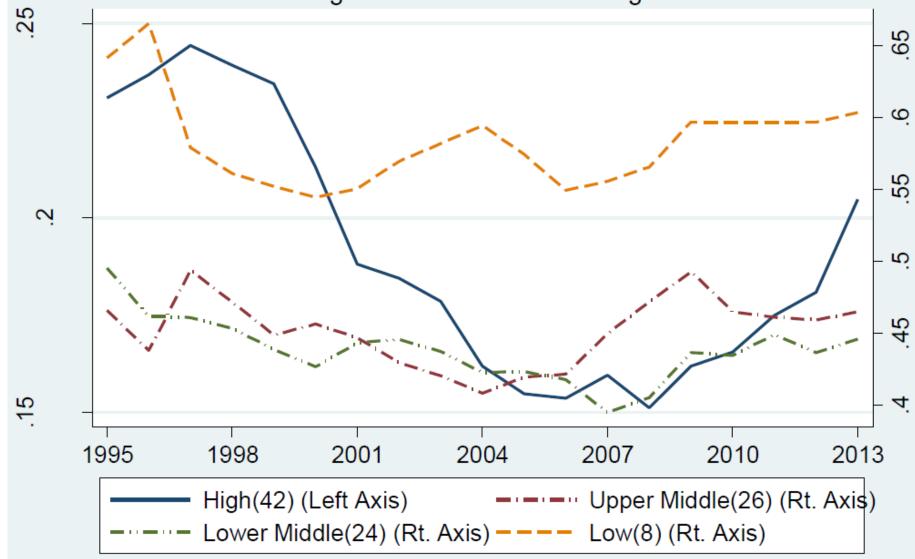


Figure 2b: Average Controls on Outflows by Income Group
Averages Across 10 Asset Categories

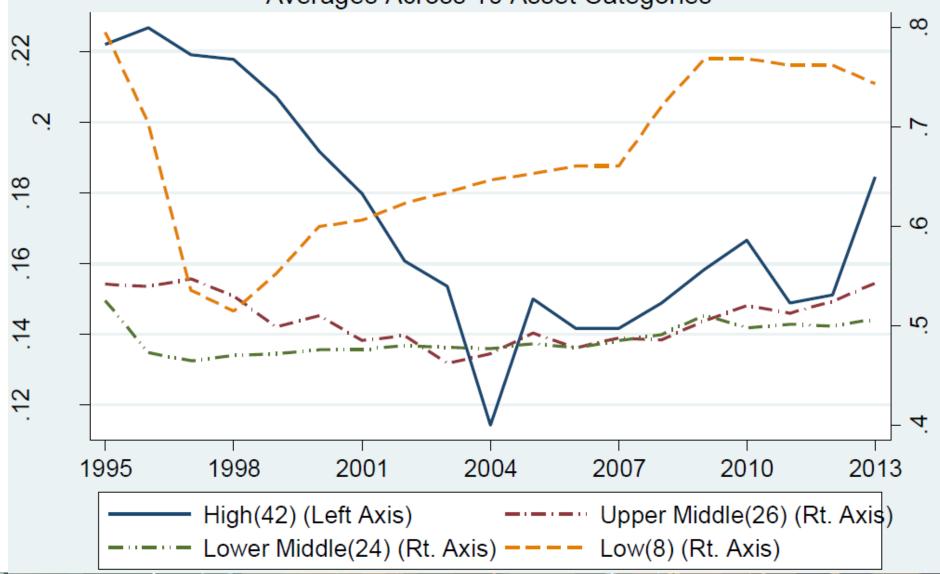


Figure 3: Inflow Controls vs. Outflow Controls Countries' Average Values for all Ten Assets, 1995 - 2012

