# THE IMPERATIVE OF PAYING ATTENTION TO THE POLITICS OF CHINESE OUTWARD FDI (COFDI)

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#### My Roles, Background, and Research Emphases

Trinity of roles and some

Background-Academia, business, and government

Research emphases

#### **Outline**

- The Wong MNC Center
- When China (OFDI) awakes, it will shake the world
- Literary lacunas
- Power of politics
- A strategy for incorporating politics

## Outline (continued)

Home country, host country, and global political context

Conclusion-hope on the horizon

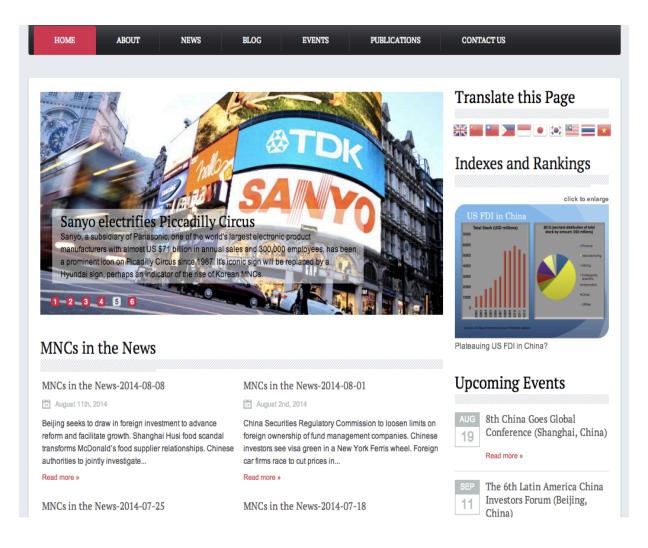
• Q & A

#### The Wong MNC Center (http://www.mnccenter.org)

 California non-profit

Missionanother "trinity"

A good start



# When China (OFDI) Awakes, it will shake the world

 Chinese OFDI as a major politicoeconomic trend

 CNOOC and Huawei

Australia, New
Zealand, and Israel



#### When China (OFDI) Awakes, it will shake the world

 The "contest" between China and the US in Africa

 China in Latin America

 The reasons students of international business need to care



## **Literary Lacunas**

Economics literature

International business literature

 International relations/political science literature

## Power of politics

- Politics from Day 1-Tanzam, Hong Kong, and Southeast Asia and Taiwan
- State capitalism/state structure
- Evidence of political factors and OFDI levels/patterns
- Tackling interesting and important questions
- Politics is not everything



## A strategy for incorporating politics

Scratching the surface

 Back to the basics-home country, host country, and the global setting

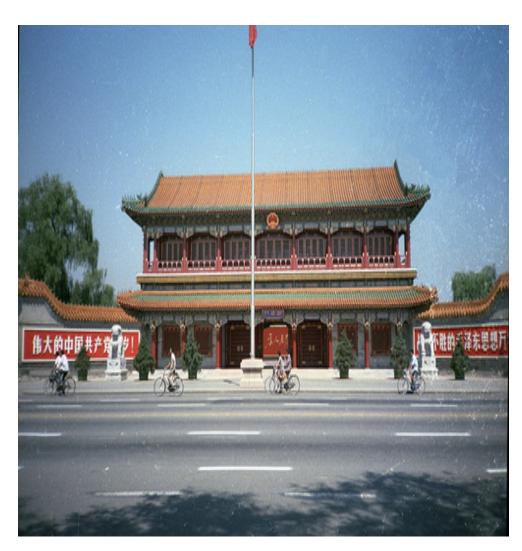
Other areas of interest-regional, sectoral

## Home country political context

Central government

 Bureaucracies, special interest groups, and the public

Provinces



# Host country political context

National

Subnational

Mass popular



## Global political context

International organizations

International law

International norms



#### Conclusion

- Overview
- A marriage is needed
- Challenges ahead
- Hope on the horizon
- Final remarks



#### **THANK YOU!**

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