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**Eighteenth Annual *JIBS* Paper Development Workshop**  
**Academy of International Business Annual Meeting**

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The Eighteenth Annual *Journal of International Business Studies* (*JIBS*) Paper Development Workshop (PDW) will be held virtually as part of the pre-conference program for the Academy of International Business (AIB) 2021 annual meeting. The PDW is the most extensive of the various *JIBS* outreach activities conducted by the *JIBS* editorial team. Organized by Alain Verbeke (*JIBS* EIC) and Stav Fainshmidt (Florida International University), the PDW involves several *JIBS* Editors and Editorial Review Board (ERB) Members. The Henley Business School at the University of Reading (U.K.) generously agreed to act as the sole sponsor of the PDW. This sponsorship allows the funding of scholarships for conference registration by promising junior scholars from developing and emerging economies who have been accepted to participate in the PDW.

The purpose of the PDW is to provide junior scholars with developmental feedback on their current research papers in IB studies. While we hope that many of these papers will eventually be submitted to *JIBS*, the purpose of the PDW is broader: to improve the quality of IB research and to bring new scholars successfully into the IB field. We invite original papers from **junior scholars who have not previously published in *JIBS***, especially those located in universities in emerging and developing economies.

The PDW will be structured to provide extensive feedback to authors whose research papers have been accepted by the workshop organizers. Because the Annual Meeting will take place only online, the program will focus on the key component of decentralized virtual roundtables. During a 90-minute session on or prior to June 26<sup>th</sup>, groups of two authors (with substantively related papers) will be paired with groups of two *JIBS* Editors/ERB Members, whereby each individual paper will receive attention from each paired Editor/ERB Member. The emphasis will be on how to improve the papers discussed, so as to increase the probability of acceptance by a journal in the ecosystem of IB journals. In addition, we will circulate to the PDW participants a set of recorded presentations by *JIBS* editors on pertinent topics such as publication ethics and data practices.

Only a limited number of manuscripts will be accepted for the PDW. Papers should be submitted through the *JIBS* Workshop Submission System located at <https://meetings.aib.msu.edu/jibs/2021/>. Please note that each applicant should submit only one paper. The deadline for submissions is **March 15<sup>th</sup>** in the authors' time zone. Submitted papers must be less than 10,000 words in length, and follow the *JIBS* Style Guide (<http://www.palgrave.com/gp/journal/41267/authors/presentation-formatting>).

Submitting authors will be notified of the results of the review process by **April 8<sup>th</sup>** and will need to confirm their participation in the PDW by **April 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Please note that **authors will need to register for the AIB conference in order to participate in the *JIBS* PDW**.

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