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I am currently Professor of International Business at the University of Sydney. Later this month I will be resigning this position to join Trinity College Dublin as its first established chair of Strategic Management. I am also a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Aalto University.

My PhD was in the area of international business, on firm-government relations in international business networks. Since then my research has concentrated on two areas: qualitative research methodology and process approaches to studying firm internationalization. My work on both topics has appeared in leading journals in international business and management. I have published papers and special issues in the full range of major international business journals, including multiple articles in *Journal of International Business Studies* (JIBS). I am active in the Research Methods Division of the Academy of Management and am an incoming associate editor of *Organizational Research Methods*, the top methodology focused journal in management.

In my research I have a track record of launching new disciplinary conversations and advocating methodological and theoretical pluralism. I was the first author on a paper which won the 2021 JIBS Decade Award, with our retrospective having appeared in the journal's first issue of 2022.

I am the current Book Review Editor of JIBS and am on the incoming JIBS editorial team, as a member of the journal's Research Methods Advisory Committee.

I am Vice-President, Communications, and Newsletter Editor for the AIB Research Methods Shared Interest Group (RM-SIG), of which I was a founding member. There were many people who helped bring the RM-SIG about, but we all shared the same goal: to make the AIB a hub for knowledge sharing and innovation in research methodologies that would benefit the community of IB scholars.

Like so many others, I have benefited considerably from the opportunities that AIB provides to network with likeminded scholars from other parts of the world, exchange ideas and launch new initiatives. I now seek to facilitate these same opportunities for others, and encourage training and mentoring in advanced research methods. I serve on the AIB's Buckley and Casson AIB Dissertation Award Committee. I regularly participate in paper development and doctoral workshops for AIB and JIBS, and deliver courses on research methodology for organisations such as CARMA, EDEN and EIBA.