# The Tenth International Symposium on Multinational Business Management--Global Investment, New Technologies and Innovative Human Resource Management Practice

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# **Conference Background**

The global economy is experiencing uncertainties in trade and investment unseen since the global financial crisis in 2008. Uncertainty in the global policy environment for investment has undermined the confidence of both entrepreneurs and investors. Trade tensions have further heightened such uncertainty for businesses and risk disrupting global value chains and investment patterns, especially in regions tightly linked to the US and China. There is a danger of slowing growth in the world's two largest economies, which will weigh heavily on global growth. Furthermore, economic, political and geopolitical uncertainty has increased in areas, including Europe and the Middle East, brought by rising protectionism, trade disputes and shifting geopolitical alliances and new technologies. As a double-edged sword, new technologies disrupt existing business models on the one hand, while on the other hand could potentially help multinational firms address the concerns about the changing rules and processes of the existing global trading system under these accumulating risks. In this period of coexisting danger and opportunity, how will these countervailing forces shape the new growth and competitive strategies of multinational firms?

New technologies, such as IoT, AI and Blockchain, are changing the business world in unprecedented ways. Multinational firms capable of exploiting these technologies will radically streamline and enhance their existing processes, create entirely new business models, and develop innovative products and services that cater to a new age structure of consumers. For example, the number of people aging 60 and over is expected to double to more than two billion by 2050. How to make appropriate investment decisions, taking advantage of new technologies and demographic shifts, requires innovative strategies by managers of multinational firms. Uncertainties in international trade, no matter whether between developed and developing countries, such as the recent trade war between the US and China, or between developed countries, highlighted by Brexit, will further challenge multinational firms to explore global business opportunities in new modes.

Besides disrupting markets and competition, rapidly evolving new technologies are also changing the nature of work and how work is done. Democratization of work empowers individual employees and enhances their autonomy in decision-making. It challenges our long-held assumptions about leadership, organizational operating models, workforce engagement, culture and purpose, and the future of the profession in human resource management. We are moving from a world of hierarchical organizational structures toward a flat world where human resources can be digitally activated, deactivated, and reconfigured as needed and where needed. In addition, new technologies have popularized social media and offered new models of communication and collaboration within and between organizations. Working forces are organized in a flat, interconnected, dynamic, and creative world. Imagine an interconnected world where most (or a significant percentage) of the people doing the work are not our employees, but rather freelancers who have complete control over what work they choose to do, when they do it, where they do it, with whom they do it, and why they do it. The challenge of building a productive work community in such an environment will reshape the role of leaders and human resource professionals. Successful global investments and multinational operations will force international managers to innovate in HRM practices to support the implementation of new corporate strategies.

In order to rise to these new challenges caused by the ongoing massive demographic transformation and new technologies, managers call upon innovative HRM research and practices. To explore solutions to these issues, Nanjing University will host the Tenth International Symposium on Multinational Business Management on June 19-21, 2020. This symposium follows the earlier conferences held in 1992, 1996, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014 and 2017. The symposium aims to provide a forum for scholars, entrepreneurs,

and CEOs from multinational firms to discuss how corporations can create new business models, explore more business opportunities globally and reshape the relationship between human resources management and the advancement of new technologies. We chose "Multinational Business Management—Global Investment, New Technologies and Innovative Human Resource Management" as the theme of the Tenth International Symposium on Multinational Business Management.

We cordially invite you to participate in this international symposium, to be held in Nanjing, People's Republic of China on June 19-21, 2020. It will be our privilege to welcome you to share your research findings, management experience, and creative ideas with participants from diverse backgrounds. We call for academic papers from scholars, experts, and practitioners at home and abroad.

## **Conference Theme**

Submissions may include theoretical issues, new ideas, methodological issues, empirical studies, or case studies in the field of enterprise management and developments of Chinese and/or multinational corporations confronting changing global investment patterns, new technologies, and human resource management challenges.

## **Research Topics**

Research topics related to corporate strategy, organizational behavior, human resource management, corporate finance and investment, e-commerce, operations management and marketing are all welcome. Possible topics include but not limited to the following:

# **Entrepreneurship & Strategy**

Entrepreneurship
Innovation & Creativity
Strategic Management in Multinational Corporations

## Organizational Behavior & Human Resource Management

Human Resource Management & New Technologies
Human Resource Management & Social Networks
Innovative Human Resource Management Models in Multinational Corporations
Leadership & Top Management Team
Organizational Culture & Communication
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# **Corporate Finance & Investment**

Auditing & Finance Corporate Capital Raising & Investment Corporate Governance Merge and Acquisition

#### **E-Commerce, Operations & Marketing**

Behavioral Operations Management
Big Data & Business Analytics
Customer Behavior
Channel Management & Omnichannel Operations
Data-Driven Decisions in Supply Chain Management

#### Instructions to authors:

The proceedings of the Tenth International Symposium on Multinational Business Management and Selected Research Papers from the Symposium will be published. Failure to comply with the instructions provided below will preclude inclusion of the paper in the publication. Authors whose papers are accepted should submit an e-version of the paper, via e-mail, to the Secretariat: hrm2020@nju.edu.cn

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### Cover Page

All papers must include a cover page with the following information: Contact Person's Affiliation, Professional Title, Address, Phone #, Fax #, Email address.

## Paper Format

The first page should be the cover page described above. The main text of the paper should be no less than 10 (A4) and no more than 25 (A4) pages including all tables, figures, notes, and references. Papers must be written in English and follow the format instructions below.

- 1. Microsoft Word for Office is the word processor used. A word processor compatible with MS Word is acceptable.
- 2. Use 12-point courier font and traditional default margin settings. All papers, tables, footnotes, and equations should be numbered.
- 3. First letter of each word in the title should be capitalized, and the title should be centered and in bold.
- 4. Centered and two lines below the title are author's (authors') name(s) and affiliation(s). Author's addresses, and /or E-mails should be footnoted, as are any acknowledgements made by the author.
- 5. The word ABSTRACT in capital letters should be centered and in bold two lines below the last author's information.
- 6. Following the abstract are the key words on a separate line.
- 7. The main text should be double-spaced. Do not use a heading called INTRODUCTION.
- 8. No more than three levels of headings should be used. The first level headings are capitalized, left justified and bold. The second level headings have the first letters of each word capitalized, left justified and bold. The third level headings have the first letters of each word capitalized. All headings are on a single line.
- 9. Footnotes should be used sparingly. Do not use endnotes. Footnotes should not be used for literature citations. Rather, the work should be cited by the author's name and year of publication in the main text [e.g. (McCarty, 1995)].
- 10. Use double space in the main text, but single space between text and numbers in tables.
- 11. Tables and Figures should be labeled as such, e.g., Table 1 or Figure 1, centered and bold. Double space should be between label and title. Center and bold the title of tables and figures. Double space and insert a line from the left side margin to the right side margin, forming the top border of the table or figure. Repeat the line at the bottom of the table or figure as the bottom border. Minimize the use of lines in the table and use no lines on the left and right sides of tables and figures. Please be sure to

indicate the table or figure callouts within the manuscripts.

12. References should start on a new page with the title REFERENCES capitalized, centered and bold. Entries should be double-spaced and arranged in alphabetical order according to the last name of the first author. For example: Zhao, S.M. and Du, J. "Thirty-two Years of Development of Human Resource Management in China: Review and Prospects," *Human Resource Management Review*, 2012, 3: 179-188.

#### Submission Deadline

The deadline for submitting the full-length paper is December 1, 2019.

# Acknowledgement of receipt

We will acknowledge receipt of the submission by e-mail to the corresponding author. All the papers will be double-blind reviewed. The Secretariat will inform the author(s) of acceptance or non-acceptance of papers by March 1, 2020.

#### **Conference Dates**

The Tenth International Symposium on Multinational Business Management will be held in Nanjing, P.R. China on June 19-21, 2020.

#### Tentative Schedule

March 1, 2019	First Announcement		
December 1, 2019	Deadline for submitting full-length paper		
March 1, 2020	Invitation letter and registration form (the 2nd		
	Announcement)		
May 1, 2020	Deadline for early bird registration		
June 19, 2020	On-site Registration		
June 20, 2020 Morning	Opening Ceremony, Keynote Speeches, and Plenary		
	Session		
June 20, 2020 Afternoon	Parallel Sessions		
June 21, 2020 Morning	Keynote Speeches and Plenary Session		
June 21, 2020 Afternoon	Parallel Sessions		
	Conference Plenary Session and Closing Ceremony		

## Languages

Papers submitted to the symposium must be in English. The working language for the plenary sessions of the Symposium will be English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for plenary sessions. No interpretation will be provided for parallel sessions. All paper presentations and session discussions will be in English.

#### **Conference Payment**

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	Early bird registration fee	Regular registration fee	
	(before May 1, 2020)		
Participants from	RMB1800 yuan	RMB2600 yuan	
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Student attendees from	RMB1000 yuan	RMB1400 yuan	

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#### **Accommodations**

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