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Abstract: Since the development of the eclectic paradigm by Dunning (1977; 1988; 1993), many studies have investigated different forms of location advantages that attract foreign direct investment (FDI). In this study, we consider accounting standards as a component of the institutional infrastructure of a location and hypothesize that the convergence of domestic and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) promotes FDI as it reduces information processing costs for foreign investors. We also hypothesize that the effect of reduced information costs is stronger for partner countries whose accounting systems showed greater pre-convergence differences because they magnify the facilitating role of accounting standard convergence for FDI. Using bilateral FDI data from 30 OECD countries between 2000 and 2005, we find evidence generally consistent with these hypotheses.
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Abstract: Determining Consumers’ Discount Rates With Field Studies
Because utility/profits, state transitions and discount rates are confounded in dynamic models, discount rates are typically fixed to estimate the other two factors. Yet these rate choices, if misspecified, generate poor forecasts and policy prescriptions. Using a field study wherein cellphone users transitioned from a linear to three-part-tariff pricing plan, we estimate a dynamic structural model of minute usage and obtain discount factors that would normally be unidentifiable. The identification rests upon imputing the utility using decisions made in a context where the future is inconsequential; then using these utilities to identify discount rates when consumers were switched to a three-part tariff where dynamics became material. We find that the estimated weekly discount factor (0.90) is much lower than the value typically assumed in empirical research (0.995). When using a standard 0.995 discount factor, we find the price coefficient is underestimated by 16%. Moreover, the predicted intertemporal substitution pattern and demand elasticities are biased, leading to a 29% deterioration in model fit; and suboptimal pricing recommendations that would lower potential revenue gains by 76%.
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Abstract: This paper identified the dimensions of proactive socialization behavior among Chinese employees. We examined the mediating effects of perceived insider status on the relationships between proactive socialization behavior and socialization outcomes, and the moderating effect of supervisors’ traditionality on the relationship between proactive socialization behavior and perceived insider status. Results from 280 newcomer-supervisor pairs supported the hypotheses that proactive socialization behavior was positively associated with task performance and social integration through perceived insider status. In addition, supervisors’ traditionality significantly influenced the indirect relationships that proactive socialization behavior had with task performance and social
integration via perceived insider status, such that the relationships became weaker as supervisors' traditionality increased.

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Abstract: Western firms’ preconceptions about China’s slowness in radical innovation are misplaced. They must prepare for a tsunami of competition from China-based multinationals, which increasingly see the markets of the developed world as their targets. Multinationals must actively participate in innovation in China with the aim of using China as a platform for global innovations.

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Abstract: Cultural, institutional, and psychic distances between countries are critical determinants of bilateral trade. In this paper we examine if ethical distance and difference between an exporting country and an importing country matter in international trade. Using data from 53 countries that participated in the World Values Survey, we show that the closer the ethical distance between countries the greater the trade. We also find that the ethicality of importers matter more than exporters as a determinant of bilateral trade.

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Abstract: We examine the effects of corporate lawsuits in China and find that litigation announcements depress the stock prices of both defendant and plaintiff firms. Financially distressed defendants suffer lower stock returns. We find that politically connected defendants are favored in the judicial process: they have higher stock returns and are more likely to appeal against adverse outcomes and to obtain a favorable appeal result. State-controlled defendants fare better than privately controlled defendants when it comes to appeals but do not have higher stock returns. The evidence suggests that there is bias in the judicial process.

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Abstract: This article investigates the determinants of stock market wealth effect across regions. Using panel data from China, we find that the stock market wealth effect is more prevalent in regions with more stockholders, regions in which households have higher levels of stock ownership and regions in which households have lower incomes.

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Abstract: Asia is no longer simply the continent to which the world turns for outsourcing and off shoring of production, leaving retailing to Western countries. Asia now contains many of the world’s largest markets plus many emergent markets as well. North America is fast ceding ground to China as the world’s largest economic power. Europe has been able to make productivity gains from trade, fiscal and monetary harmonization to remain globally competitive while Africa, whose nations practice free trade, is largely ignored both in terms of forgiving debt and providing further credit. Each chapter of this volume details the characteristics of an individual market in Asia and demonstrates the challenges that marketers are likely to face in these environments. Covering not just production or consumption but trade as it is practiced now, this book outlines the new norms, conventions and service performance levels that these markets demand.

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Abstract: It was April 10, 2011, when the head of Whirlpool’s Asia International Procurement Office in Shanghai was informed by his colleagues that the company was about to launch a new energy-efficient refrigerator model in just six months. For the new refrigerator model, the basic difference was in the motor; the current AC motor would need to be replaced with a DC motor, which was more efficient but also more expensive. He would have to find a suitable supplier of DC motors in a very short time. Delayed sourcing of components would cause delays in the production of a new refrigerator, and thus, a later launch of new products. Within the home-appliance industry, the fierce level of competition meant that any delays in launching new products would result in a loss of sales for the strugglers. How should Whirlpool go about the process of finding a suitable supplier for the required DC motor parts? Should the company explore the possibility of developing their current supplier, or should they quickly engage an existing supplier of DC motors?

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Abstract: This is part of a case series. Longtop Financial Technologies (‘Longtop’), a company registered in the Cayman Islands, was IPO’d on the NYSE in 2007. After four years of significantly above average revenues and profits, Citron Research, a research firm that specialises in exposing fraud among Chinese stocks, posted an on-line report on Longtop, accusing the company of fraudulent accounting: ‘It is the opinion of Citron that every financial statement from its IPO to this date is fraudulent’. In May 2011, Longtop’s auditors, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu CPA Ltd. (China) (‘Deloitte Shanghai’) resigned saying that Jia Xiao Gong, Longtop’s chairman had admitted that ‘there were fake revenue (sic) in the past so there were fake cash recorded on the books’. On 14 December, the SEC revoked the registration of Longtop for failing to file required annual reports and audited financial statements with the SEC. Longtop investors had already filed a lawsuit against the company to recover losses incurred on their securities being made substantially worthless as a result of allegations.

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