

# Preface

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This volume emerged from the ongoing research meetings at UNU-MERIT (United Nations University – Maastricht Economic Research and training center for Innovation and Technology). Revolving around the themes of innovation, global business strategies and host country development, these meetings culminated in a workshop in November of 2007 on the theme summarized by the title of this volume. Junior scholars at the cutting edge of research on the role of multinationals for development, innovation and their combined impact on sustainability together with scholars who in the recent past have and will in the future continue to have a defining role joined together to discuss. Many of these contributions have found a place in this volume in some way, but some have not although they have contributed to the meetings and thus to the volume, and so, Ivan Kulis, Rajesh Kumar, Sarianne Lundan, Anabel Marin and Lynn Mytelka deserve a special word of thanks.