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The Big Screen: Global Crises and the Diffusion of Foreign Investment Review

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected international flows of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by disrupting supply chains and mainstreaming calls for the domestic repatriation of some production activities. The pandemic-induced economic crisis has also rendered many national companies vulnerable to foreign takeovers, especially in strategic sectors. These developments have coincided with a drastic tightening of FDI vetting mechanisms in many advanced industrialized economies. This paper explores change and continuity in foreign investment screening policies. Presenting a newly coded dataset on investment screening mechanisms in OECD countries from 2007-2021, this paper contextualizes recent shifts in investment screening rules as an extension of pre-existing trends toward stronger national security review mechanisms. Theoretically, we tie recent changes in the investment screening regime to broader questions about when and how political elites can use crisis events to push through policy and institutional changes that would otherwise invite substantial and powerful opposition.

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