



## Mini-Track "IT Investments in Emerging Economies"

Acapulco, México August 4-6, 2006

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Best papers will be invited to submit revised versions for review and possible fast-track publication in a special issue of the *Journal of Information Technology for Development (ITD)* - (<http://www.itd.ist.unomaha.edu>) - to be guest edited by the mini-track co-chairs.

Over the last few years, high economic growth in many developing countries and other emerging economies has greatly increased their importance to the global market. Though there has also been a substantial increase in information technology (IT) related investments in emerging economies, most IT research remains focused on countries with highly developed economies. Much of the research conducted solely in the context of developed regions provides only limited value to IT in emerging economies for such reasons as dissimilarity in regulatory environment, variation in infrastructure, and disparity in demographics. Furthermore, the rapidly “flattening” of the world due to IT facilitated globalization calls for shifting attention to these increasingly important emerging economies.

Research presented in this mini-track, which has also been a feature of the 2004 and 2005 AMCIS meetings, will enhance and complement the existing body of knowledge related to the so-called productivity paradox of IT.

The objective of this mini-track is to provide a forum for both academic researchers and practitioners interested in IT investments in emerging economies. Possible contributions may include, but are not limited to the following:

- IT investment evaluation
- Cost/Benefit analysis
- IT productivity studies at the country, industry or firm level
- Comparative cross-country research
- Country specific case studies
- Risk analysis
- Global supplier chain management and its contribution to emerging economies
- IT offshoring / IT outsourcing into emerging economies
- International IT project management
- E-commerce and its effect on emerging economies
- E-government
- Legal and fiscal policies regarding IT investments

Both research-in-progress and completed research papers will be welcome.

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- Abstract Submission Deadline - February 1, 2006
  - Paper Submission Deadline - March 1, 2006
  - Submit abstracts via email to the co-chairs by February 1, 2006. This is an important step to ensure that you have submitted your paper to the correct mini-track.
  - Final papers will be submitted via the AIS Review System, deadline is March 1, 2006. See the conference website for details: <http://amcis2006.aisnet.org/>.
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