

## **Mergers and Acquisitions Deal Completion vs. Abandonment in Volatile Emerging Economies: Influences of Corporate Governance Dynamics**

### **ABSTRACT**

The current paper addresses an important and relatively less researched topic of mergers and acquisitions (M&As) deal completion vs. abandonment. We specifically focus on volatile emerging economies and aim to analyze influences of different dimensions of corporate governance on M&A deal completion or abandonment. We also aim to perform an in-depth analysis where potential differences in industries as well as acquiring firms' origin (i.e. local vs. international acquirer) will be incorporated in the study. The empirical part of the paper is planned to be based on data from Thomson Reuters database covering M&A deals undertaken in volatile emerging economies of Argentina, Colombia, Egypt, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Ukraine and Venezuela during 1998-2018. We aim to contribute to corporate governance, international business (IB), M&A literature streams, as analysis of M&A deals completion vs. abandonment in all these volatile emerging economies has not been specifically undertaken earlier at least to our knowledge.

**Key Words:** Abandonment, Completion, Emerging Economies, Mergers & Acquisitions, and Volatility.