

About The Vale Columbia Center

Vale Columbia Center (VCC) on Sustainable International Investment, formerly the Columbia Program on International Investment (CPII) at Columbia University, led by Dr. Karl P. Sauvant, is a joint center of the Law School and the Earth Institute at Columbia University in the United States. It seeks to be a leader on issues related to foreign direct investment (FDI) in the global economy, paying special attention to the sustainability dimension of the investment. VCC focuses on analysis and teaching of the implications of FDI for public policy and international investment law. Its objectives are to analyze important topical policy-oriented issues related to FDI, develop and disseminate practical approaches and solutions, and provide students with a challenging learning environment.

VCC offers internship opportunities to work on a range of research and administrative tasks for the Program. Responsibilities of this internship would include: regular media searches related to FDI; providing additional resource content for the VCC website; providing project assistance for the Millennium Cities Initiative, the Annual International Conference on FDI and other projects, symposia and initiatives undertaken by the Center; and general administrative tasks, including database management, filing and photocopying. The internship would require a minimum commitment of 10-20 hours a week. Students of the Columbia Law School are eligible for faculty assistant credit for the internship. Arrangements for credit with the registration of other schools within Columbia University may be possible as well.

VCC also offers relevant services. The website opens to input from those planning FDI-related events. The FDI materials page on the website posts FDI-relevant information to reach a wider audience. VCC is currently producing a series of perspectives on FDI issues called Columbia FDI Perspectives, which is to promote a robust and wide ranging exchange of perspectives in the area. The first issue, "The FDI Recession Has Begun," is produced by Karl P. Sauvant, which forecasts a FDI recession in the coming year. The second issue, "The Revised National Security Review Process for FDI in the US," is produced by Mark E. Plotkin and David N. Fagan. This perspective explains new regulations governing the US government's national security review process for foreign mergers and acquisitions of the US businesses, which was effective on December 22, 2008.

The Columbia FDI Perspectives are meant to address FDI topics important, topical and policy-oriented (if possible). For any suggestion and/or more information, please visit <http://vcc.columbia.edu>.