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**Multinationals, developing countries and environmental management:  
Identifying gaps in major aspects of the discussion**

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**Abstract**

This paper gives attention to three of the main discussions about multinationals, environmental management and developing countries: the environmental effect of FDI, the relation between environmental regulation and MNC behaviour and the organisation of international environmental management. While highlighting these three themes, several aspects of this literature are compared and discussed. The results of this discussion are summarised in a table, presenting an overview of the focus, caveats and approach of some of the research that has been carried out till now. The present PhD project, investigating the environmental management of large MNCs in developing countries and performing multiple case studies of oil MNCs, will be linked to the conclusions drawn from the table and is introduced shortly.