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Stefano Ponte is Professor of International Political Economy and Director of the Centre for Business and Development Studies at Copenhagen Business School. He is interested in transnational economic and environmental governance, and in overlaps and tensions between private authority and public regulation. Stefano analyzes business-government-civil society interactions, and governance and upgrading trajectories in global value chains. He is currently working on sustainability issues and how they shape

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