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paths when creating these capabilities, hence deploying different sources of competitive advantage.

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Acquiring foreign technology and achieving sustainable local innovation capability: case studies from the Sri Lankan manufacturing industry

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This thesis investigated the role of management practices in technological development and the technology learning process among local partner firms with foreign investment in Sri Lanka. The study analysed the progress of technology based partnerships from a structural perspective and argued that the acquisition of foreign technology from foreign partner firms provides a base for innovation to occur. However, sustained technological development requires firms to have dynamic and strategic innovation management capabilities well embedded in their day-to-day practices. The study reveals how technology managers in successful local partner firms were able to recognize the evolving status of partnership development and match partnership activities according to each firm's skills and capabilities, organisational dominance of the foreign partner, clarity of roles, and the potential technological contribution from the foreign partner. In short, partnership strategies need to evolve strategically as local partner firms build innovation capabilities. This research contributes to the literature on technology management and innovation capability by explaining how technology management strategies should respond to the progression of international partnerships through a partnership life cycle. It also contributes to the limited empirical literature in innovation studies by revealing the forms, the nature, and the importance of innovation capabilities of firms operating in a less developed economy.

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This thesis analyzes the technology and knowledge transfer networks established between science and industry. The research assumes that the quality of those links depends on the organizational and institutional complexity of intermediation instances that link knowledge users and producers. From the sociological perspectives of Coleman and Burt, this study reconstructs the notion of intermediation with the aim to generate an analytical framework useful to understand the main characteristics, possibilities and obstacles of boundary and intermediary organizations related