

## **The Redefinition of Trade Patterns: Global Value Chains, Innovation, and Structural Change**

Berlin School of Economics and Law, Berlin  
Building B-Aula, Badensche Str. 52, 10825 Berlin  
19 and 20 May 2025

### **Description**

The fragmentation of international production has become a defining feature of global trade and investments, with approximately 70% of international trade involved in it, including services, raw materials, and more. In this sense, the international organization of production plays a crucial role in understanding local economies, their policies, and their evolution. Developing economies have reorganized their trade and internationalization policies to adapt to this trend. While some nations have emerged as key providers of manufacturing and assembly, others, particularly Latin American economies, have deepened their specialization in the provision of natural resources.

This shift raises significant concerns for developing countries, which are focused on finding ways to integrate into more value-added steps in global value chains (GVCs) to promote economic catch-up. Meanwhile, high-income economies such as the USA and Western Europe are revisiting industrial policies to re-industrialize their economies, promoting nearshoring in some industries.

The Workshop “The Redefinition of Trade Partners: Global Value Chains, Innovation, and Structural Change” is presented to discuss these changes and tendencies between senior scholars and Ph.D. students about the effect of the new international events on local economies structures. The workshop will be structured in two days of discussion, combining senior speakers' sessions with student contributions during each day of the event.

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### **Day 1: May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Place: Aula, Haus B  
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9:30 – 10:30 Welcome session and keynote speaker

- **Prof. Dr. Christina Teipen**, IPE and HWR Berlin

10:30 – 10:45: Coffee break

10:45 – 12:00: *Unequal Specialization, the Global Energy Transition, and New Trade Blocks*

- **Prof. Dr. Warnecke-Berger**, Universität Kassel

12:00 – 13:00: Lunch break

### **13:00 – 14:30: Student Session 1**

- **Divina Marte Sabado** - Japan's structural change and GVC reconfiguration: from the Lost Decade(s) to ranking as the most complex economy
- **Laure Gnassou** - Geopolitics of Lithium: Challenges of the DR Congo at the Forefront of the Green and Digital Transition
- **Helena Gräf** – Sustainability Governance under the Geo-Economic Turn: The Case of the Brazilian Battery Value Chain

14:30-15:00: Break

15:00 – 16:30: Keynote speaker: *Governance and upgrading in GVCs. Policies and institutions*

- **Prof. Dr. Carlo Pietrobelli**, UNESCO Chair on “Science, Technology and Innovation Policies for Sustainable Development in Latin America” at the United Nations University UNU-MERIT, Maastricht, and Professor of Economics at Roma Tre University, Rome

**Dinner at Shaam (Karl-Marx Straße, U7)**  
**Conference participants only.**

## **The Redefinition of Trade Patterns: Global Value Chains, Innovation, and Structural Change**

**Day 2: May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Place: Aula, Haus B  
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9:00 – 10:30 - **Student Session 2.**

- **Ignacio Silva Neira** – Redefining Global Trade Patterns: BRICS, G7 and Technological Trade
- **Luciano Moretti** - Rethinking the China-Argentina Relationship: new dependencies in the XXI century
- **Antonio Vicencio** - The law of economic interdependencies

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee Break.

10:50 – 12:20 – **Student Session 3.**

- **Melike Döver** - Gains from regional trade integration? An analysis of SADC's value chain integration in the transport equipment sector
- **Martin Middelani** - Regional South-South Trade and the Dutch Disease: The Case of Latin American Manufacturing Exports
- **Benedetta Papuccio** - Functional Specialization in Global Value Chains: Unveiling Investment Opportunities in MENA Countries

12:20 – 13:30 – Lunch break.

13:30 – 15:30 – Round Table Discussion: *Trade and FDI in the Current Global Climate*

Chair: Ignacio Silva Neira, IPE-YSI

- **Prof. Dr. Jennifer Pédussel Wu**, IPE and HWR Berlin
- **Prof. Dr. Andrea Coveri**, Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo

17:00 – Social drinks near the Aula