

Workshop IPE–YSI

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

Berlin School of Economics and Law, Berlin
Badensche Str. 52, 10825 Berlin

16 and 17 June 2025
Room A 2.04

With around 70% of international trade involved in fragmented international production, including services, raw materials, and more, the topic has moved to the forefront given the current geopolitical situation. 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. High-income economies such as the USA and Western, meanwhile, are revisiting industrial policies to re-industrialize their economies and are promoting nearshoring in some industries.

The Second Workshop on “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 over two days of discussion, combining senior speakers' sessions with student contributions during each day of the event.

Day 1: Tuesday, June 16th

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13:00 – 14:30 – Session 1 – International Trade

Ignacio Silva Neira (HWR Berlin / IPE) – *Redefining Global Trade Patterns: BRICS, G7, and Technological Trade*

Enzo de Moraes Grosner (University of Campinas) – *Between Upgrading and Interdependence: Malaysia under the Belt and Road Initiative and the Digital Silk Road*

Alejandra Delgado (HWR Berlin) – *Structural Heterogeneity and Bilateral Export Capacity: The Role of Labor Market Informality*

14:30 – 14:45 – Coffee Break

14:45 – 16:15 – Session 2 – International Trade Rules and Industrial Policy

Felipe Valenzuela (HWR Berlin) – *To Grow a Tree Without Water: Trade Agreement Constraints on Industrial Policy in Developing Economies.*

Vinicius da Silva Centeno (University of Florence) – *Growth, External Constraint, and Policy Space in a Dual-Sector Small Open Economy Model*

Sara Melle (Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo) – *The metamorphosis of 'Essential Security interests': Critical resources, strategic technologies, and the future of GATT Article XXI*

16:15 – 16:30 – Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00 – Keynote Speaker

Prof. José Miguel Ahumada (University of Chile) – *Back to the Future? The New International Economic Order in the Current Context*

Day 2: Wednesday, June 17th

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9:00 – 10:30 – Session 3 – Growth and Structural Change

Sascha Keil (Chemnitz University) – *Central and Eastern European economies: A Tale of a Unique Export-Led Growth Model?*

Luis Cortés (Universität Kassel) – *The breakdown of the new international division of labour through electromobility in Germany: rearmament and obsolete technological transfer*

Florencia Jaccound (UNIDO) – *Manufacturing the technologies of the twin transition*

10:30 – 11:00 – Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 – Round Table Discussion – Trade and FDI in the Current Global Situation

Chair: Ignacio Silva Neira, IPE and YSI

Prof. Dr. Andrea Coveri (Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo)

Prof. Dr. Jennifer Pédussel Wu (IPE and HWR Berlin)