Call for Abstracts 6th GSIPE Mini-Conference

De-globalization or re-globalization: What outlooks for international economic relations?

Abstracts should be submitted HERE

Following decades of increased economic integration, recent trends raise questions on whether globalization is (still) the name of the game. Retrenchment into national economies has been called for by the US in an attempt to re-establish a "pristine" scenario of economic independence. International shocks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine have further shown the risks brought about by international exposure. "Depending" on others comes to sound undesirable, as calls for "re-shoring" or "friend-shoring" take center stage. The rise in unilateral protectionist policies and the growing use of industrial policy further exhibit an increasingly fragmented international economic system. Yet, there is another side to every coin - even this one. International convergence to tackle health policy emergencies, response mechanisms established to respond to the disruption in supply as a consequence of the war, and new rounds of multilateral negotiations at the WTO are all instances that (perhaps) globalization has not yet run its course.

Has economic globalization reached its peak? Is it slowing down? How can crises provide an opportunity to enhance cooperation and increase economic integration? What are the main instances supporting any of these trends? What are their causes and their consequences? Is globalization compatible with a more fragmented international economic system? Is globalization (still) a relevant and useful concept?

In the upcoming mini-conference taking place on **March 15th, 2024**, we seek to answer these questions to explore trends in current economic integration. We invite submissions exploring the causes and consequences of these trends at the *intersection* of the following issue areas, including *but not limited to*:

- International flows and movements: trade, investment, labour, and financial instruments;
- *Multilateral institutions*: multilateral cooperation, international organizations, and international agreements;
- Climate and energy: energy security, energy transition, and climate change;
- *Economic statecraft*: securitization of economic ties, geopolitical competition, and public policy;
- *Supply and value chains*: re-shoring, friend-shoring, supply chain risks, and supply chain resilience;
- *Public policy*: public opinion, rising income inequality, and labour market challenges.

We invite submissions via this form. Please submit your extended abstract of 400-500 words (make sure you clearly state the issue and its significance, research question/s, your argument, data and methods, preliminary findings if available, and most importantly, the contribution and originality of your project). Please also submit up to five keywords, your name and affiliation. Submissions are due by December 31st, 2023, 11:59 pm EST. Notification of Abstract acceptance will be sent by January 15th, 2024, and authors will have until January 26th to accept the invitation. The full paper will be due for submission two weeks ahead of the conference (March 1st, 2024).

Should you have any questions, please contact us at gsipe.planning@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to your contributions!