

Multilateral institutions such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank or the GATT (later the World Trade Organization) were the cornerstones of the economic order since the end of the Second World War. They carried liberal ideas of open trade and finance, and played a central role in inducing states to adopt neoliberal economic policies and open their national economies to foreign trade and capital.

This order has been widely criticized for decades. Since the fall of the system of coordinated exchange rates, financial crises have occurred every decade, poverty and infrastructure gaps in developing countries still persist. In addition, power shifts towards China and newly emerging markets and the "America First" policy of the Trump administration weaken international institutions by questioning traditional liberal values and the distribution of power in multilateral institutions.

Against this background this workshop will explore the relationship between global and regional economic institutions as possible cornerstones of a new international order. Regional arrangements in Latin America, Asia, Africa and Europe have developed after the Second World War and increasingly during the last 20 years, in response to the stalling multilateral trade regime and to several financial crises. The workshop brings together an international group of academic experts working in the fields of finance, development and investment, and trade to study patterns of governance in the emerging landscape of global-regional interlinkages.

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Workshop

19 - 20 September 2019

**Bretton Woods Institutions and
Regional Organizations in a
Changing Multilateral Order**



Thursday, 19 September 2019

12:30-13:00 **Arrival/ Lunch Buffet**

13:00-13:30 *Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop topic*
Susanne Lütz, FernUniversität Hagen

13:30-15:30 **I. Finance**

Chair:
Dora Piroska, Central University Budapest

Regional Financial Arrangements in the Scattered Global Financial Safety Net
Laurissa Mühlich and Barbara Fritz, Freie Universität Berlin

Discussant:
Sven Hilgers, FernUniversität Hagen

Games of Debt: Policy Dynamics in IMF-EU Cooperation during the Eurocrisis
Susanne Lütz, Sven Hilgers and Sebastian Schneider, FernUniversität Hagen

Discussant:
Dirk De Bièvre, Universiteit Antwerpen

15:30-16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00-18:00 **II. Development Finance**

Chair:
Susanne Lütz, FernUniversität Hagen

The EBRD and the World Bank's securitization for sustainability agenda
Daniela Gabor (UWE Bristol Business School) and Dora Piroska (Central University Budapest)

Discussant:
Eugenia Baroncelli, University of Bologna

Blending beyond Delegation? Redundancy, innovation and the evolution of the EU-World Bank relation in trust-funded development

Eugenia Baroncelli, University of Bologna

Discussant: Dora Piroska,
Central University Budapest

19:00 **Dinner**

Friday, 20 September 2019

09:00-11:00 **II. Development Finance**

Chair:
Manfred Elsig, World Trade Institute, University of Bern

China and Development Finance: Creating and Navigating Regime Complexity
Hongying Wang, University of Waterloo

Discussant:
Natalie Lichtenstein, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

Learn from the old to build the new: From Bretton Woods to AIB
Natalie Lichtenstein, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

Discussant:
Hongying Wang, University of Waterloo

11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-13:30 **III. Trade**

Chair:
Hongying Wang, University of Waterloo

Exploring sources of (non-)discrimination and multilateralism versus bilateralism in trade policy formation
Dirk De Bièvre, Universiteit Antwerpen

Discussant:
Christoph Mödlhamer, University of Salzburg

Is there a disconnect between the WTO and PTAs: How do trade rules evolve in the area of trade-related data liberalization and data protection?
Manfred Elsig and Sebastian Klotz, World Trade Institute, University of Bern

Discussant:
Sebastian Schneider, FernUniversität Hagen

13:30-14:30 **Lunch Buffet**

14:30-16:30 Chair:
Dirk de Bièvre, Universiteit Antwerpen

Overachievers or laggards in intellectual property rights protection: What explains TRIPS+ provisions in trade agreements?

Christoph Mödlhamer and Andreas Dür, University of Salzburg

Discussant:
Manfred Elsig, World Trade Institute, University of Bern

Navigating Institutional Complexity: Opportunity Structures and Influence Patterns in International Intellectual Property Regulation
Justus Dreyling, Freie Universität Berlin

Discussant:
Anja Menzel, FernUniversität in Hagen

16:30-17:00 **Coffee Break**

17:00-18:00 Chair:
Susanne Lütz, FernUniversität in Hagen

Path Dependence, Layering, and Resilience in International Trade Governance
Benjamin Faude, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung

Discussant:
Justus Dreyling, Freie Universität Berlin

18:00 *Where do we go from here? Concluding Discussion*

19:00 **Dinner (optional)**