



GSIFE

**Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIFE)
1st Conference on International Economics and Political Economy**

February 3rd and 4th in Waltham, Massachusetts, USA

Location: Brandeis University

Hassenfeld Conference Center

Geller Conference Room

Zoom link for remote access:

<https://gwu-edu.zoom.us/j/93937733727?pwd=bDVPN0R0ZDVVK1kyNWV1cS8vM282UT09#success>

Each paper has a maximum of 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for Q&A with the audience. Should you have any questions about the conference, please contact us:

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Day 1: Friday, February 3rd.

08:40 A.M. - 09:00 A.M. **Breakfast and opening remarks**

09:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. **International Finance and Development**

Chair: Oriana Montti

Lukas Wellner (University of Goettingen), "[Does Foreign Aid Reduce Migration? Micro-Evidence from World Bank Projects](#)"

Timon Forster (Boston University), "[Deliberating over Development Policy: What are the Benefits and Limits of Arguing in International Organizations?](#)"

Kathleen Brown (Leiden University), "[Hiding from Austerity: Tax Evasion During Times of Crisis](#)" [online]

10:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M. **Coffee break**

10:45 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. **Foreign Aid and Development in Africa**

Chair: Carlos Felipe Balcazar

Avi Ahuja (NYU), "[Africa Beyond Aid? The Effects of Foreign Aid Withdrawal on Political Competition](#)"

Keyi Tang (Johns Hopkins), "[The Distributive Politics of Development Finance](#)"

Zhongyi Tang (Boston University), "[World Bank vs. China: Comparing the Impacts of Their Development Projects in Africa](#)"

12:15 P.M. - 01:15 P.M. **Lunch: Brandeis Faculty Club**

01:15 P.M. - 02:45 P.M.

Climate and Energy

Chair: Carlos Felipe Balcazar

Ishana Ratan (UC Berkeley), "[*Pathways to Power: The Politics of Solar Energy Investment in the Global South*](#)"

Caileigh Glenn (MIT), "[*The Financialization of Foreign Policy: Targeted Financial Sanctions and Government Retaliation*](#)"

Oriana Montti (Brandeis), "[*Effects of Trade Barriers on FDI: Evidence From Chinese Solar Cell Firms*](#)"

02:45 P.M. - 03:00 P.M.

Coffee break

03:00 P.M. - 04:30 P.M.

Dependence and Value Chains

Chair: Elisa Navarra

Dillon Laaker (University of Wisconsin), "Political Cleavages over Supply Chains: Rules of Origin and Preferential Liberalization" [online]

Soohyun Cho (Ohio State University), "[*Global Performance Indicators and Obfuscating Responsibility in Global Value Chains: Firm-level Compliance with Labor Norms*](#)" [online]

Yue Lin (UC Berkeley), "[*Law and Order: How Political Risk Shapes Multinational Corporations' Cross-Border Investment*](#)"

05:00 P.M. - 08: P.M.

Happy Hour Event: [**Bistro 781**](#)

Day 2: Saturday, February 4th.

08:40 A.M. - 09:00 A.M. Breakfast

09:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. Trade and Policy

Chair: Oriana Montti

Tobias Korn (University of Hannover), "[Unrealized bankruptcies: Identifying creditors' incentives in 1869 England](#)"

Moritz Hennicke (Université Libre de Bruxelles), "[Betting on the Wrong horse: Lobbying on TPP and the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election](#)" [online]

Maria Sol Parrales (King's College), "State-business Alliances and the Paradoxical Prosperity of Business Groups in Contemporary Leftist Governments in Latin America" [online]

10:30 A.M. - 10:45 P.M. Coffee break

10:45 A.M. - 12:45 P.M. Automation, Trade and Market Competition

Chair: Elizabeth (Bit) Meehan

Stefanie Hock (University of Hannover), "Collusion and Prolongation of Trade Protection" [online]

Ilaria Natali (TSE), "[Economic Opportunity and Opioid Regulation: the Case of Codeine in France](#)"

Colombe Ladreit (Bocconi), "[Automation and Public Policy Preferences in the US](#)" [online]

Daniele Verdini (UC Louvain), "[The Anticompetitive Effect of Trade Liberalization](#)"

12:45 P.M. - 12:50 P.M. Closing remarks

12:50 P.M. - 01:30 P.M. Lunch: Brandeis International Business School