

Call for Papers

International Finance and World Trade: On the Way to a Democratic and Social-Ecological Transformation?

An Online Conference,
hosted by the University of Vienna,
28–29 September 2021

Conference Outline

Scientific Aims and Questions

The world is experiencing a time of multiple crises as well as a time full of attempts to restructure international relations, especially in terms of international finance, world trade, sustainability but also global power politics. Old certainties and habits are being shaken. This reveals a variety of dependencies and inequalities, but also a lot of opportunities to transform the world into a more democratic, social and ecological place to live in. Therefore, the Conference is particularly devoted to the following and related questions:

- ◆ Which changes are being discussed, promoted, implemented or blocked with regard to the international financial markets and world trade, for example changes in terms of value and supply chains, payment systems, production and labour standards, trade, transportation and governance? Who are the main actors and what are their motives?
- ◆ How do these technological innovations, political practices and rules affect, for example, democratic participation, political institutions, climate, welfare and economic, political or social interdependencies? How do they affect distributive justice and (in-)equality?
- ◆ To what extent can these developments be described as social, ecological, sustainable, democratic, (anti-)imperial and/or (anti-)hegemonic? What is meant by those terms?
- ◆ How can such transformative or political developments be conceptualised theoretically? Within which larger contexts and debates should they be analysed?
- ◆ How do colonial legacies and logics continue to shape the global political economy? How can political economy analysis and postcolonial studies complement one another?
- ◆ To what extent has the global Corona pandemic led to changes?
- ◆ Which strategies, social alliances and policy options for a fair and sustainable design of the global trade and financial systems can be derived?

The conference is aimed at researchers from all social and economic sciences and the humanities. In particular, we encourage junior researchers as well as researchers outside the scientific communities of the so called »Western« part of the Global North to participate. Each accepted paper or case study will receive a short co-presentation by another participant and an intensive discussion in an inter- and transdisciplinary way. The conference also provides various opportunities for further collaboration.

Scientific Workshop Sessions

- ◆ (Concepts of) Democracy and Transformation
- ◆ Distributive Justice and (In-)Equality
- ◆ Ecological Interventions in Critical (International) Political Economy
- ◆ Future of Financial Governance and Money
- ◆ Global Problems – local Actions
- ◆ Global Trade Relations and social-ecological Change
- ◆ Monetary and Economic Sovereignty in the Global South
- ◆ Social-ecological Finance
- ◆ Transforming Development and Post-Colonial Capitalism
- ◆ Further and/or Open Sessions

Keynote Speakers

We are happy to announce two thought-provoking keynote speakers:

Supriya Singh, Professor for Sociology of Communications at the RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia, and author of *Globalization and Money: A Global South Perspective* (2013).

Ulrich Brand, Professor for International Politics at the University of Vienna, and co-author of the bestseller *Imperiale Lebensweise* (2017) – *The Imperial Mode of Living* (2021).

Panel Discussion

On 29th September there will be a political discussion on concepts of Global Green New Deal(s) with prominent panellists from the UN, WTO, a government, science and political activism.

Your contribution

Submit an Abstract for a Research or Policy Paper or a Case Study

We welcome extended abstracts in English or in German of 300 to 600 words which outline your research question, methodological and theoretical approach, interim results and their relevance in light of a social-ecological and/or democratic transformation perspective. In order to support intercultural language skills, we kindly ask you to submit your abstract additionally in your mother tongue or in the other conference language. Please provide five keywords and a short CV and select up to two workshops (from the list above; including the option of Further or Open Session) in which your contribution proposal fits best.

Your paper (5000 to 9000 words) can be written either in English or in German and has to contain an additional abstract (up to 600 words) in your mother tongue or in the other language. A paper draft at a very early stage is, of course, fine. The best papers qualify for a peer-reviewed publication in our anthology which is planned for 2022.

Presentations (ca. 10 minutes) will be in English. They will receive a short co-presentation by one of the other participants (3 to 5 minutes) before being discussed in your session (ca. 25 minutes).

Submit an Abstract for a Conference or Workshop Session

We welcome abstracts for special conference or workshop sessions which outline your scope, aims, methodological and theoretical approaches, possible interim results and their relevance in light of a social-ecological and/or democratic transformation perspective. If you intend to organise a workshop session with pre-selected contributors, please include their respective abstracts as well. In any case, please provide five keywords and a short CV. It is also possible to organise a session in a language other than English. We will jointly agree on a suitable time slot for accepted proposals, especially if you live/work in another time zone.

Submission Process

Please submit your abstract until 26 May 2021 to: submissions@finance-and-trade.net. Preferred file formats are .doc, .docx, .odt and .pdf. You can help us by starting the file name and subject line of your email with »Abstract«.

Accepted proposals will get a short feedback by its peer reviewers. These abstracts (including author's name, affiliation and an email address) will be published on our website and in a booklet of abstracts. By submitting you agree to that.

Each contributor or chair will get a certificate of attendance.

No Conference Fee

Thanks to our sponsors, no conference fee will be charged if you register early by 31 July.

If you would like to support the conference project financially, especially the production of the anthology, we would greatly appreciate a donation of your choice.

However, we kindly ask all those who register after 31 July to pay a late registration fee of 100 EUR. In case you are a member/employee of the Chamber of Labour Vienna (Arbeiterkammer Wien), University of Vienna, University of Kassel, Austrian Political Science Association (ÖGPW/AuPSA), the late registration fee is 60 EUR.

Important Dates

26 May 2021	Abstract Submission Deadline
June 2021	Notification of Acceptance and Feedback; Registration Opens
31 July 2021	Deadline for Registration
07 September 2021	Submission of Papers Deadline
14 September 2021	Publication of Scientific Programme
21 September 2021	Submission of PDF Slides for your Talk; Deadline for Late Registration (and Payment of Late Registration Fee)

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