

Programm

Tagung der DVPW-Sektion Politische Ökonomie

Nichts bleibt, wie es ist?

Polit-ökonomische Transformationen in schwierigen Zeiten

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Tag 1/ Day 1

Ab 8:00 Uhr
8:30 – 8:45 Uhr

Ankunft und Registrierung/ Arrival and registration
Begrüßung/ Welcome

Georg-Forster-Gebäude, Jakob-Welder-Weg 12

Timeslot 1 (09:00–10:30)

Panel A: Preference Formation in Transforming Societies

Chair/discussant: Armin Schäfer

Raum/Room: 02-601

- **Eisenring, Fabienne Sarah**
Aspirational Voters in the Knowledge Economy: How Expectations about the Future Impact Voters' Social Policy Priorities
- **Neimanns, Erik**
An Asset or a Cost of Living? When and How Rising House Prices Translate into Demand for Higher Wages
- **Tichelbäcker, Thomas** (Arndt Leininger, Daniel Sandu)
The Shadow of Reunification: Economic Transformation, Grievances, and Political Support
- **Holz, Paulina** (Felix Hörisch)
Der Einfluss der Bewertung des Strukturwandels auf die Einstellungen zur Fachkräfteeinwanderung am Beispiel des Saarlandes
- **Ruiz-Rufino, Rubén**
When Are Democracies Under Strain?

Panel B: The Politics of Climate Policies I

Chair/discussant: Philipp Genschel

Raum/Room: 02-607

- **Blossey, Nils** (Michael M. Bechtel, Paul Michel)
Not in My Basement: The Political Costs of Climate Action
- **Kettel, Laura**
The Politics of Energy Burden: Market Risks, Policy Preferences, and Voting Behavior in Germany
- **bin Oslan, Afq Muhammad**
When Environmental Protections Backfire at Home and Abroad
- **Kollberg, Markus**
Appeals to Conservative Values and Support for Climate Action Among Rightist Voters

Panel C: Geoeconomic transformations I

Chair/discussant: Tobias ten Brink

Raum/Room: 02-611

- **Weinhardt, Clara** (Milan Babic, Nana de Graaff, Lukas Linsi)
Systemic or Discursive? Drivers and Causes of the Geoeconomic Turn
- **Westermeier, Carola**
Technologies of Geoeconomic Sovereignty: How Digital Cross-Border Payment Systems Redesign International Financial Relations
- **Abels, Joscha**
Great Power Rivalry Through Networks: The Case of Submarine Cables
- **Gräf, Helena** (Petra Dünhaupt, Variera Jiménez, Benjaming Jungmann)
Industrial Policy Space in Emerging Economies: The Case of Chile's Lithium Industry and the Energy and Raw Materials Chapter in the EU-Chile Free Trade Agreement

Panel D: Global Taxation, Tax Havens, and Offshore Finance

Chair/discussant: Andrea Binder

Raum/Room: 02-617

- **Hakelberg, Lukas**
Does the Democratic Advantage Obscure Elite Exit? Studying the Impact of Democratization on the Tax Haven Share in Foreign Investment
- **Kuhn, Katharina**
When Do Governments Commit to Multilateral Tax Cooperation? Bureaucratic Politics, International Tax Policy and the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on BEPS
- **Petry, Johannes** (Ruben Kremers)
Battles of the Futures: Offshore Finance, Pricing Power and Global Derivative Markets
- **Spatzl, Nadja**
Fiscal Sociology and Colonial Taxation: Reconceptualizing Modern Fiscal Contracts

Timeslot 2 (11:00–12:30)

Panel A: The political economy of gender inequality

Chair/discussant: Lukas Hakelberg

Raum/Room: 02-601

- **Kohlhase, Pauline**
Gendering Growth Model Theory
- **Weißenfels, Clara**
Child Poverty and Voting: A Matter of Family, Personal and Structural
- **Wilken, Ria**
Marrying a Billionaire: Studying US American Billionaires' Family Biographies using the Forbes World's Billionaires List, 2010–2022
- **Fehrenbach, Teresa**
The Politics of Couples Taxation: The Case of Denmark and Italy

Panel B: Climate Governance, Finance and Policy Feedback

Chair/discussant: Björn Bremer

Raum/Room: 02-607

- **Haas, Friedrich** (Michael Kemmerling)
Policy Feedback Mechanisms in Environmental Politics: The Case of Corporate Sustainability Reporting in the European Union
- **Michel, Paul** (Michael M. Bechtel, Philipp Genschel, Laura Seelkopf)
Policymaking Level, Distributive Fairness, and Mass Support for Climate Investment in the European Union
- **Haufe, Paula**
Governance, Profits, and Foreign Policy Trade-offs in European Climate Finance – The Case of Indian Metro Rail Investments
- **Garritzmann, Julian** (Iris Reus, Katrijn Siderius)
The Grey Eminence of Politics? Estimating the Power of Ministries of Finance

Panel C: Geoeconomic transformations II – Global positioning and strategy of the EU

Chair/discussant: Milan Babic

Raum/Room: 02-611

- **Mertens, Daniel** (Alexander Reisenbichler)
Europe's New Geoeconomic Cleavages: From Capitalist Diversity to International Vulnerability in European Political Economy
- **Polyak, Palma**
Charging Ahead: Contradictions in the European Union's Strategy to Promote the EV Battery Industry
- **Nock, Philip**
De-Risking the European Semiconductor Sector

- **Ruck, Jan** (Leo Bieling)
Renewable Energy as “Freedom Energy”? De-Risking of European Energy Infrastructure in Geoeconomic Competition

Panel D: Money, Credibility, and Finance

Chair/discussant: Carola Westermeier

Raum/Room: 02-617

- **Kremers, Ruben**
Disrupting Global Banking with Five Lines of Code: The Everyday Politics of Fintech Hackathons
- **Mandelkern, Ronen** (Michael Koreh and Mark Blyth)
Has Credibility Become Incredible? The Three Logics of Credibility and the Problem of Democratic Time.
- **Koddenbrock, Kai** (Isaac Akolgo, Carla Coburger, Aissata Diallo)
Earnest Struggles: Structural Transformation and the Finance-Production Nexus in West Africa
- **Steininger, Lea**
‘Monetary Essentialism’ & the Social Meaning of Inflation

Lunch break (12:30–14:00)

Timeslot 3 (14:00–15:30)

Panel A: Shaping Policy: How Institutions and Actors Influence Economic Governance

Chair/discussant: Lea Elsässer

Raum/Room: 02-601

- **Bastürk, Nidanur**
Institutional Frameworks and Public Preferences for Social Protection: A Double Movement Analysis
- **Blank, Florian**
Gewerkschaften und Arbeitgeber in der Sozialpolitik – eine Analyse von Anhörungen in Bundestagsausschüssen
- **Reus, Iris** (Julian Garritzmann)
Ministries of Finance and Social Policy-Making – Studying the Distributive Effects of the Masters of the Treasury
- **Barak Zur** (Ronen Mandelkern)
The Impact of Macroeconomic Policy Rules on Media Coverage of Monetary and Fiscal Policy

Panel B: Transitions, Adaptation, and Bioeconomy

Chair/discussant: Daniel Mertens

Raum/Room: 02-607

- **Frings, Cornelia**
Wasserresilienz als sozio-ökologische Transformationsaufgabe. Einige Überlegungen zu Stand und Entwicklung eines unterentwickelten politikwissenschaftlichen Forschungsprogramms
- **Peters, Dirk**
The Messiness of Transformative Change in Interdependent Systems: Path Dependency, Complexity and the Case of German Green Hydrogen Policy
- **Siegel, Karen** (Melisa Deciancio)
Dependent Transitions? The Global Political Economy of Bioeconomy Development
- **Willems, Max**
The Growth Politics of the German Renewable Energy Transition

Panel C: Petrostates in transition: geopolitics, energy and finance in Western and Central Asia

Chair/discussant: Hannes Warnecke-Berger

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- **Zabranova, Yana**
Advocacy Coalitions for Renewable Energy in Russia and Kazakhstan: The Emerging Role of Geopolitics
- **Olk, Christopher**
Constrained Rentierism: The State Oil Company of Azerbaijan and the Energy Transition
- **Binder, Andrea** (Christopher Olk)
The new City: Dubai's Rise as an Offshore Wealth and Energy Trading Centre
- **Babic, Milan** (Alexis Montambault Trudelle)
Antinomies of the Extractive State: Saudi Arabia, Norway and the Burden of Decarbonization

Stream D: AI, Digitalization, and New Regulatory Frontiers

Chair/discussant: Thomas Rixen

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- **Rommel, Tobias** (Matthew DiGiuseppe, Andreas Kern, Katrin Paula)
The Political Economy of Delegating Government Decisions to AI: Evidence from Interest Rate Setting by the US Federal Reserve
- **Paul, Regine** (Daniel Mügge, Vali Stan):
Beyond the Hype: A Global Political Economy Lens on AI Transformation(s)
- **Weis, Nathan** (Peter Schadt)
Scheinsubjekt Digitalisierung – Politische Ökonomie der Arbeit 4.0
- **Talmud, Ilan**
Digital Regulatory Ambiguity: A Multidimensional Embeddedness Frame for Analyzing the Digital Economy
- **Sieron, Sandra**
Der prometheische Wettbewerbsstaat. Künstliche Intelligenz im Technologiewettlauf

Timeslot 4 (16:00–17:30)

Panel A: Inequalities, social groups and political representation

Chair/discussant: Julian Garritzmann

Raum/Room: 02-601

- **Wiß, Tobias** (Felix Groß-Wohlgemuth, Carmen Walenta-Bergmann)
Age, Representation, and the Welfare State: How Political Leaders' Age Shapes Social Policy Reforms
- **Elsässer, Lea** (Armin Schäfer)
Social Inequalities and Biased Decisions: Descriptive and Substantive Representation from an Intersectional Perspective
- **Voss, Dustin** (Pálma Polyák)
Strategic Youth Misrepresentation in Ageing Democracies: How the Misappropriation of Youth Interests Impairs Generational Fairness in Fiscal Policy
- **Fastenrath, Florian** (Alice Barth, Paul Marx)
Preference Gaps and Political Inequality. A Multi-Method Approach

Panel B: Fiscal Capacity, Finance, and Democracy in the Global South and Beyond

Chair/discussant: Michael Schwan

Raum/Room: 02-607

- **da Silva, Carneiro** (Everton Henrique)
Learning to Tax: The Rise of Fiscal Capacity in Latin America
- **Jaspert, Robin** (Michael Schedelik)
The Political Economy of Fiscal Rules in the Global South
- **Schillings, Tobias**
Progressive Versus Competitive Democracy: Examining the Political Determinants of Universal Healthcare Reform in the Global South
- **Sullivan, Patrick** (Paul Marx, Fiona Kniaz)
Taxing Capital: Public Perceptions and Tax Policy Preferences
- **Rademacher, Inga:**
Saving Capital: Global Finance, Domestic Alliances, and the Varieties of Far-Right Financial Regimes

Panel C: Climate Politics and Green Industrial Policy

Chair/discussant: Erik Neimanns

Raum/Room: 02-611

- **Dotzauer, Marius** (Thomas Dietz, Karsten Mause)
Green Industrial Policy and Public Opinion
- **Schaffer, Lena Maria** (Tanja Schweinberger, Gabriele Spilker)
Geopolitics and Mass Public Support for Green Industrial Policy
- **Bremer, Björn** (Fabio Bulfone, Reto Bürgisser, Donato di Carlo, Timo Seidl)
How Do People Think about Industrial Policy. Evidence from a Survey Experiment
- **Weyns, Jordy**
Limits to the Return of the State in Geoeconomic Industrial Policy? The Case of Export Finance

Panel D: Trade, Global Shocks, Contestation and the Transformation of Globalization

Chair/discussant: Elisabeth Winter

Raum/Room: 02-617

- **Bakalov, Ivan**
Violence and Transformation: Capitalism, War, and the Organic Crisis of Russia's Ruling Bloc
- **Betz, Timm**
The Erosion of Institutional Comparative Advantage as a Source of Opposition to Globalization
- **Etzerodt, Søren** (Timm Betz)
Welfare, Supply Chains, and Globalization
- **Weldzius, Ryan** (James Raymond Vreeland, James H. Bisbee)
Political Cleavages and Exposure to Global Shocks

Podiumsdiskussion mit anschließendem Empfang (18:00-19.30) /

Panel discussion and reception (18:00–19:30)

Topic tbd

Abendessen im Restaurant „[Baron](#)“ auf dem Campus (20:00) /

Joint dinner at the restaurant “[Baron](#)” on Campus (20:00)

Tag 2/Day 2

Timeslot 5 (09:00–10:30)

Panel A: Electoral Politics, the Radical Right and Cleavages

Chair/discussant: Lukas Haffert

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- **Horn, Alexander** (Matthias Enggist)
The Radical Right, Equality and the Socio-Economic Composition of Electorates in Europe, 1975–2020
- **Rumpf, Lars**
Ein neuer Stadt-Land-Cleavage? Auswirkungen sozioökonomischer Transformations-prozesse auf politische Einstellungen und Wahlverhalten in städtischen und ländlichen Regionen
- **Veit, Franziska**
Inheriting Uncertainty? The Impact of Economic Grievances in Formative Years on Far-Right Support in Adulthood
- **Wenker, Jonas**
Does Class-Based Descriptive Representation Matter for Working Class Citizens?

Panel B – Panel 14: The Politics of Climate Policies II

Chair/discussant: Lena Schaffer

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- **Fischer, Jonas**
Asset Specificity in Climate Politics: How Chameleons Shape EU Road Transport Policymaking
- **Kranke, Matthias**
Green Competitiveness in Europe
- **Wuttke, Tobias** (Gale Raj)
The EU's Embrace of Vertical Industrial Policy: Linking System- and Unit-Level Explanations of the Remaking of Semiconductor State Aid Rules
- **Schönherr, Chris** (Tim Büthe, Alisa Dachi)
Circular Economy Politics: The Comparative Political Economy of Critical Raw Materials Circularity

Panel C: Geopolitics, Competition, and Changing Global Economic Order

Chair/discussant: Clara Weinhardt

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- **Weseler, Nicolas**
Sticks or Carrots? A new Framework for Geoeconomic Competition
- **Winter, Elisabeth**
The EU's Geoeconomic Turn: Balancing Competitiveness and Social Justice
- **ten Brink, Tobias** (Johannes Petry)
Learning Empire. Conceptualizing China's Emerging International Practices within a Changing Global Order
- **Warnecke-Berger, Hannes**
Unequal Specialization and the Geopoliticization of Global Commodity Trade

Panel D: (De-)growth and growth strategies

Chair/discussant: Inga Rademacher

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- **Bender, Benedikt**
The Politics of Growth Strategies and Welfare State Reforms in Advanced Capitalist Economies
- **Stratenwerth, Mischa:**
Growth Model Operationalization in Comparative Political Economy – Observations on Long-run Patterns, Trade Deficits in Export Models, and State-led Growth
- **Sorg, Christoph**
Rückkehr der Planung
- **Rixen, Thomas** (Peter Dietsch)
The Normative Political Economy of Zero Growth

**Mitgliederversammlung der Sektion mit Lunch (11:00–13:00)/
Meeting of the Political Economy Section with Lunch (11:00-13:00)**

Timeslot 6 (13:00-14:30)

Panel A: Socioeconomic Change, Capitalism and Democracy

Chair/discussant: Zohlnhöfer, Reimut

Raum/Room: 02-601

- **Roland, Aanor**
The Political Economy of Horses: Are Horses Merely a “Marqueur Social” or Still Important Vehicles of Wealth and Power?
- **Schedelik, Michael** (Andreas Nölke)
Ökonomie – Eine pluralistische Einführung für Lehramt und Sozialwissenschaften (Lehrbuchprojekt)
- **Reichhold, Clement**
Staat, Ökonomie und Gesellschaft im „demokratischen Despotismus“.
- **Matthes, Sebastian**
Nichts bleibt, wie es ist: Ein Blick auf die Große(n) Transformation(en) im 21. Jahrhundert durch die Brillengläser Karl Polanyis

Panel B: Global governance, Remittances, and Development

Chair/discussant: Timm Betz

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- **Bütthe, Tim** (Carly Potz-Nielsen, Rayan Sayour)
The Effect of Remittances on Politics in Remittances-Receiving Countries in the Middle East and Northern Africa
- **Metinsoy, Saliha** (Anna Minasyan)
‘Hidden Figures’: World Bank and Explicit versus Hidden Gender-Related Conditions
- **Peng, Wan**
Towards the Optimal Authority Allocation in Global Governance: A Normative and Empirical Analysis
- **Schweinberger, Tanja**
Public Opinions in the USA and China on Leadership of International Organisations

Panel C: Politicization and Changing Goals of State Intervention in Europe and Beyond

Chair/discussant: Benedikt Bender & Palma Polyak

Raum/Room: 02-611

- **Zohlnhöfer, Reimut** (Fabian Engler, Jan Jathe)
European Integration and Government Intervention in the Economy
- **Höpner, Martin**
Soziales Europa Ultra Vires? Politikwissenschaftliche Einsichten zur Saga um die Europäische Mindestlohnrichtlinie
- **Callaghan, Helen** (Niklas Wagner)
Von De- zu Re-Politisierung: Motive des Wandels von Regimen zur Kontrolle von grenzüberschreitenden Unternehmensübernahmen (Fallstudie Kanada)
- **Castrén, Matias Lennart**
Why Do States Sometimes Prioritise Sovereignty Over Economic Gains, and Vice Versa?

Panel D: The Political Consequences of Geographic Inequalities

Chair/discussant: Alexander Horn & Charlotte Bartels

Raum/Room: 02-617

- **Bartels, Charlotte** (Thomas Rieger)
Economic Conditions and Far-Right Support – Places or People?
- **Westenberger, Gina-Julia**
Regional Occupational Upgrading and Voting Behaviour in Germany
- **Lang, Valentin** (Johannes Lattmann)
A False Promise for the Left Behind? The Uneven Impact of Place-Based Policies on Political Discontent
- **Haffert, Lukas** (Nils Blossey, Lukas Stötzer)
Coal Rush: The Electoral Legacy of the Industrial Revolution