

Transforming Global Supply and Value Chains

Europe's Role between Resilience,
Sustainability and Competitiveness

28 - 29 September 2026

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Day 1 - 28 September 2026

11:00 – 12:30 Registration

12:30 – 14:00 Panel I

Growth Regimes in Transition: External Anchors and Trade and the Role of Europe

Juan Manuel Campana & Eckhard Hein (HWR Berlin)

Recent developments in demand-led growth and macroeconomic policy regimes in seven countries

Ümit Akcay (HWR Berlin)

External Anchors of Growth Models: International Hierarchy, Growth-Model Reproduction and Policy Space in the Semi-Periphery

Petra Dünhaupt, Hansjörg Herr, Anne Martin, Christina Teipen (HWR Berlin)

Explaining Uneven Development Trajectories in Contemporary Capitalism: Towards an Interconnected Framework

14:00 – 15:00 Poster Presentations & Coffee

Michel Ortland (Osnabrück University)

The CSDDD in Political Contestation: Discourse Coalitions, Polarisation, and the Omnibus Revision

Łukasz Ambroziak (Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute)

The Role of Services in EU Agri-Food Exports During External Shocks: An Input–Output Analysis

Henrike Jost (Osnabrück University)

Leading or Lagging? Explaining Variation in Business and Human Rights Adoption in European Countries

Nika Urbach (European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder))

Axes of Power in Corporate Human Rights Conflicts: Grievance Mechanisms as Power-Balancing Tools in European Due Diligence Laws?

Mareike Standow (European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder))

We are all vulnerable, but some of us are more vulnerable than others: Dissecting the terminology of vulnerability in the context of global supply chains

Jonathan Caris (HWR Berlin)

Geoeconomic Fault Lines of the Twin Transition: Modeling Geopolitical Metabolism in European Digital Supply Chains

15:00 – 16:30 Panel II

Two Sides of the Same Coin: Sustainability and Resilience as Pathways to Viable Supply Chains?

Dmitry Ivanov (HWR Berlin)

Supply Chain Viability: Foundations, Perspectives, and Future Research Agenda

Arnd Huchzermeier (WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management)

The intersection of supply chain resilience and sustainability: An integrated framework

Barbara Gaudenzi (University of Verona)

Developing Sustainability and Resilience in the upstream Supply chain: an empirical analysis

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:30 Parallel sessions

Panel III

European Perspectives on Geopolitical Competition and the Transformation of Global Value Chains

Mischa Hansel (HWR Berlin)

Geopolitical Windows of Opportunities: Tech Companies and their Stories of Supply Chain Risks

Christian Hilpert & Vincenz Leuschner (HWR Berlin)

Disruptions and Discourse in the Wake of Geopolitics: The Transformation of Supply Chain Risks in the German Parliament

Alexander Hoppe (Berlin Social Science Center - WZB)

Transformations in the Apparel Global Value Chain: Three Scenarios for Asian Upgrading

Christoph Scherrer (University Kassel, GSVC Competence Centre associated member)

Looking Beyond the Dyadic Power Relations in Global Value Chains: The Role of Financial Markets

Panel IV

Digital Twins and AI for Supply Chain Resilience and Viability

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18:45 – 19:30 Keynote Speech

Jennifer Blackhurst (Auburn University)

19:30 Dinner

Day 2 - 29 September 2026

09:00 – 09:30 Morning Coffee

09:30 – 11:00 Panel V

European Concepts of Global Supply and Value Chains — Reactions, Gaps and Contradictions Part I

Frauke Steglich (German Institute for Global and Area Studies - GIGA)

How Due Diligence Shapes Firms' Imports

Christoph Manuel Meyer (HWR Berlin) & Tamina Furgali (HWR Berlin)

Strategic Adaptation of European Pharmaceutical Supply Chains under the Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe

Aron Buzogány (BOKU Vienna) & Lena Partzsch (FU Berlin)

Greenlash Goes Geoeconomic: The Recalibration of EU Supply Chain Regulation

Hartmut Aden (HWR Berlin)

Does European Regulation of Global Supply and Value Chains have a “Brussels Effect”?
Criteria, Contradictions and Ambiguities

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:00 Keynote Speech

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12:00 – 13:30 Panel Discussion

Regulating Global Supply Chains: Can Europe Balance Competitiveness, Responsibility, and Resilience?

- *Stefanie Lorenzen (HWR Berlin)*
- *Galina Kolev-Schaefer (TH Köln & German Economic Institute -IW)*
- *Robert Cameron (Head of Department: Production, Logistics and Aftermarket at the German Association of the Automotive Industry -VDA)*

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Panel VI

European Concepts of Global Supply and Value Chains — Reactions, Gaps and Contradictions Part II

Maureen Chadi Kalume (European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder))

Beyond Child Labour: Legally Working Minors, Informality and the Limits of European Due Diligence in Global Supply Chains

Bogusław Balza (University of the National Education Commission Krakow)

Labour Migration Policies and the Resilience of Global Supply Chains: A Comparative Legal and Economic Analysis of Poland, Germany and France

Jasmine Elliot (British Institute of International and Comparative Law) & Saparya Sood (University of Bonn)

Identifying Gaps in the Translation of Supply-Chain Regulation to Practice: The Missing Ethical Framework for Business and Human Rights Professionals Implementing Supply-Chain Due Diligence

Jonathan Caris (HWR Berlin)

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