

Transforming Global Supply and Value Chains

Europe's Role between Resilience,
Sustainability and Competitiveness

28 - 29 September 2026

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GLOBAL SUPPLY AND VALUE CHAINS



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Day 1 - 28 September 2026

11:00 – 11:30 Registration

11:30 – 13:00 Panel I

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

Chair: Philip Blees (HWR Berlin)

Juan Manuel Campana (HWR Berlin) & 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

13:00 – 13:30 Coffee & Snack

13:30 – 14:15 Keynote Speech

Global Transformations: From Liberal to Organized Capitalism

Andreas Nölke (Goethe University Frankfurt)

14:15 – 15:30 Poster Presentations & Coffee

Chair: Hartmut Aden (HWR Berlin)

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

Michel Ortland (Osnabrück University)

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

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

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?

15:30 – 17:00 Panel II

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

Chair: Silke Bustamante (HWR Berlin)

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

Roxana Zimmermann & Martina Martinovic (HWR Berlin)

Future proofing business: Do sustainability practices strengthen supply chain resilience?

17:00 – 17:15 Coffee Break

17:15 – 18:45 Parallel sessions

Panel III

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

Chair: Mario Petoshati (HWR Berlin)

Mischa Hansel (HWR Berlin)

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

Christian Hilpert (HWR Berlin) & 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

18:45 – 19:30 Keynote Speech

Resilience by Design: Supply Chain Network Strategies for an Era of Policy Uncertainty

Jennifer Blackhurst (Auburn University)

19:30 Dinner

Day 2 - 29 September 2026

09:00 – 09:30 Morning Coffee

09:30 – 11:00 Panel IV

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

Chair: Matthias Kötter (HWR Berlin)

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

How Due Diligence Shapes Firms' Imports

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

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

Aron Buzogány (BOKU Vienna)

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

New binding paradigms for the regulation of businesses in relation to human rights: Possible dynamics between the CSDDD and the international treaty

Manoela Roland (Juiz de Fora Federal University)

12:00 – 13:00 Panel Discussion

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

Chair: Petra Dünhaupt (HWR Berlin)

- *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)*
- *Manoela Roland (Juiz de Fora Federal University)*

13:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Panel V

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

Chair: Jelena Hoffmann (HWR Berlin)

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)

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

Gemechu Daba Fufa (University of Trieste)

ESG Performance, Supply Chain Speed, and Cost Competitiveness: Does Financial Performance Moderate these Relationships?

15:00 End of Conference

Exhibitions during the conference

Photography Exhibition by Mina Schmidt/Reversed Magazine

Mina Schmidt has been a freelance journalist and photographer for eight years, working primarily for independent magazines. During this time, she has produced various photo essays and reportages focusing on fair and sustainable supply chains. Through Reversed Magazine, one of her editorial priorities is to journalistically contextualize supply chains and critically examine dominant narratives about regulation, bureaucracy, and corporate responsibility.

„Common Ground: From Extraction to Electrification“ by Paul Mengeling

Paul Mengeling's book is a visual interrogation of the past and futures of mineral extraction in four European regions in the context of the rush for lithium.