Call for Papers: The Geopoliticization of Trade Policy, University of Salzburg, Austria

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CALL FOR PAPERS

WORKSHOP ON:

THE GEOPOLITICIZATION OF TRADE POLICY

MAY 15TH AND 16TH, 2025

UNIVERSITY OF SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

ORGANIZERS:

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RATIONALE:

From U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum to Japan's Economic Security Promotion Act, the European Union's screening of foreign direct investments, Türkiye's trade sanctions against Israel, and India's de-risking policies, many contemporary trade policies worldwide are linked to national security concerns.

The workshop brings together papers that analyze this linkage between trade policy (broadly defined) and national security concerns, which is captured by terms such as geopoliticization, weaponized interdependence, and economic statecraft. Some of the many questions that arise in this context are: which trade policy measures are (and which are not) linked to national security? What makes a country use some but not other trade policy measures in pursuit of national security? What role do different actors (governments, interest groups, public opinion) play in driving the geopoliticization of trade? How does the politics of the trade-security linkage vary across countries, for example depending on domestic institutions or the national security challenges they face (e.g., major powers and middle powers)? What are the consequences of the geopoliticization of trade policy?

The workshop aims to promote exchange among scholars working on these and related questions, stimulate in-depth discussions, and offer input to ongoing research. We are especially interested in contributions with novel empirical insights. Overall, the workshop's ambition is to contribute to the advancement of knowledge on the geopoliticization of trade.

PRACTICALITIES:

The workshop is organized within the framework of the ERC-funded GEOTRADE project (https://geotrade.sbg.ac.at).

If you are interested in participating, please submit a paper proposal (encompassing a title and an abstract of between 200 and 300 words) to **gemma.mateo@plus.ac.at** no later than 24 November 2024. Applicants will be notified soon after the deadline.

For authors of accepted papers, we will cover (reasonable) travel and accommodation costs.

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