

Call for Papers

Trade, value chains and financial linkages in the global economy

Rome, November 14-15, 2024

Submission Deadline: September 26, 2024

The **Bank of Italy**, the **European Central Bank**, the **World Bank** Development Economics Vice-Presidency (Research Group and Institute for Economic Development) are organizing the third edition of the conference “Trade, value chains, and financial linkages in the global economy”. The aim is to bring together leading world scholars from both academia and policy institutions to take stock of recent developments in international trade, value chains, financial linkages and their macroeconomic implications.

Date and location: The conference will take place in person at the Bank of Italy in **Rome** on **November 14 (all day) and 15 (morning only), 2024**.

Keynote speakers: **Isabelle Méjean** (Sciences Po) and **Amit Khandelwal** (Yale University).

The conference will be followed by the policy Seminar “*A fragmenting trading system: where do we stand and implications for policy*”, organized by the Italian G7 presidency and open to the conference attendees. The debate will be led by academic and institutional experts, including **Richard Baldwin** (IMD Business School), **Indermit Gill** (World Bank), **Navin Girishankar** (CSIS), **Beata Javorcik** (EBRD) and **Ralph Ossa** (WTO).

Submissions: we invite submissions of empirical and theoretical contributions on the topic, with emphasis on the current and policy-relevant discussions:

- Reconfiguration of international trade, global value chains (GVCs), financial flows, and payment systems.
- Firm-to-firm relations and linkages; trade and supply chain financing; the role of multinational corporations in GVCs.
- Trade and industrial policies, and firms’ strategic responses.
- Strategic interdependencies and value chains in renewables, natural resources, and critical inputs markets.
- International transport costs, routes, and trade.
- Digital trade and international data flow; trade in services.

Papers addressing the implications of recent events such as ongoing conflicts, geopolitical tensions, climate-related shocks and critical material-related policies are especially welcome. Submissions related to low and middle-income countries or by researchers from these areas are also encouraged.

Only completed papers (or close to final drafts) submitted to trade.workshop@bancaditalia.it by the deadline of **September 26th, 2024**, will be considered. The acceptance of the papers will be notified no later than October 7th, 2024. Economy class travel and accommodation expenses (subject to CEPR Travel guidelines [found here](#)) will be covered for invited academic speakers.

Scientific and Organizing Committee: Maria Grazia Attinasi (European Central Bank), Alessandro Borin (Bank of Italy), Claire Giordano (Bank of Italy), Michele Mancini (Bank of Italy) and Daria Taglioni (The World Bank).

Secretariat of the Conference: Alessandro Moro and Giovanna Poggi (Bank of Italy).