

# **CALL FOR PAPERS**

## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

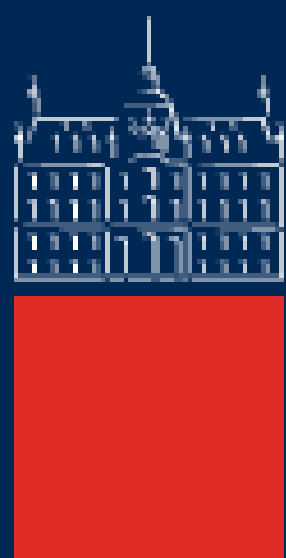
# **PERSISTENT IMBALANCES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THE PROSPECTS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: FOCUS ON THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

### **DATES**

**30 JUNE -1 JULY 2023**

### **VENUE**

**UNIVERSITY OF LJUBLJANA, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL  
SCIENCES, DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS, SLOVENIA**



University of *Ljubljana*  
Faculty of *Social Sciences*

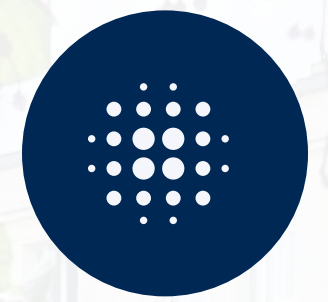


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## INTRODUCTION

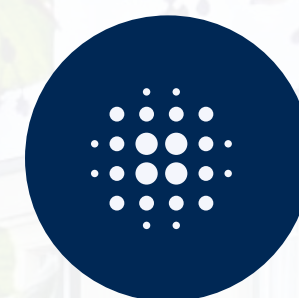
Despite many successes in establishing and maintaining an open economic world system, the WTO institutional arrangement found itself in crisis. There has been a substantial increase in international trade volume in the last quarter of the century. However, many regions and social groups both in the developed and the developing countries remain excluded from the benefits of the current arrangement. Structural imbalances in international trade, caused by domestic and international policy measures, have not yet been sufficiently addressed. Recent attempts to tackle persistent international imbalances by unilateral measures revealed that they can only deepen the crisis and erode the trust towards the multilateral institutions.

International challenges in addressing persistent imbalances can be effectively resolved only at the international level. After the failed Doha round the attempts to launch a 'truly development friendly' trade talks were replaced by the expansion of bilateral and regional trade agreements, by the (uneven) rise of BRICS countries, by the protracting financial and economic crisis in many parts of the world and most recently by the trade wars between some of the major trading blocs in the world.

International trade rules should be redefined to secure more inclusive, more sustainable, and more diverse domestic and international development. Only in the context of inclusive knowledge economy the notion of sustainability can gain its full scope. The key challenge remains how to reconcile international openness with the sufficient maneuver room for national and regional development strategies and how to secure the coexistence between different economic and social models with the idea of free trade. The purpose of the International Conference organized by University of Ljubljana, School of Social Sciences, Department of International Relations, Slovenia, the ESIL Interest Group on International Environmental Law and the ASIL Interest Group on International Environmental law, is to analyze the normative, conceptual and practical possibilities to overcome the current WTO impasse in such a way to reconcile international openness with the domestic policy space in implementing more inclusive and sustainable policies. A reimagination of international trade framework could gain new legitimacy, new impetus in both developed and developing parts of the world in times urgently seeking for new global socially inclusive and green trade deals.



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## AREAS OF INTEREST

The Scientific Committee of the International Conference 'Persistent imbalances in international trade and the prospects for sustainable development: Focus on the developing countries' launches a call for papers.

The papers shall address the topics to the phenomenon of sustainable development of the developing countries, including the following themes:

- Developing countries in international trade law
- Developing countries between the rise of BRICS and the leading trading blocs
- Developing countries after the failed Doha round
- Developing countries in the context of SDGs and WTO bilateral and regional trade agreements

All topics cover trade, environment, social and development issues, and submissions on each of these areas of international environmental law are welcome.

## APPLICATIONS

Applications can be submitted via e-mail to both the following addresses: [paolo.farah@glawcal.org.uk](mailto:paolo.farah@glawcal.org.uk), [matjaz.nahtigal@fdv.uni-lj.si](mailto:matjaz.nahtigal@fdv.uni-lj.si), by 30 April 2023. Please include the following information:

The author's name and affiliation;

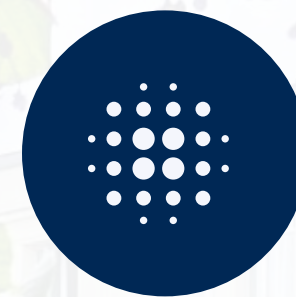
- A 500-700-word abstract [Word file or PDF];
- The author's CV, including a list of relevant publications, if applicable;
- The author's contact details, including e-mail address and phone number;
- Whether the author is an ESIL or ASIL member (Being an ESIL or an ASIL Member is not a requirement to submit an abstract)
- Interdisciplinary and co-authored papers are also welcomed.

Senior and junior scholars (including PhD students) are invited to participate in the call for papers. More abstracts can be submitted, but only one abstract per author will be accepted.

Applications will be reviewed and all applicants will be informed of the decision of the selection committee soon after the deadline.



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## VENUE AND DATES

The international conference will take place in person, on the premises of the University of Ljubljana, School of Social Sciences, Department of International Relations, Slovenia on 30 June -1 July 2023.

## PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

The conference organizers have publication plans for the presented papers. The precise nature and format of publication will be discussed in more detail during the conference, however, the organizers preliminary vision is to publish an edited book with an international publisher or a special section or special issue of a Journal.

## CONFERENCE CHAIRS AND COORDINATOR

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## CO-ORGANIZERS

The conference is jointly organized by the University of Ljubljana, School of Social Sciences, Department of International Relations, Slovenia, the ESIL Interest Group on International Environmental Law and the ASIL Interest Group on International Environmental law.

