

Title: "IFIs and the Reimagining of Global Politics: Pathways to Hope and Resistance in Global Political Economy"

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The current era of environmental, socio-economic, and political challenges demands innovative approaches within the International Political Economy (IPE) scholarship. With this in mind, this workshop brings together contributions that engage with the reform of international financial systems, analyze the role of institutions such as the IMF and the World Bank in influencing domestic political and economic outcomes, and explore alternative economic models that prioritize human and environmental health.

The workshop explores two broad themes related to international financial institutions and reimagining global politics. Firstly, we invite papers that examine the historical evolution of the IMF and WB lending strategies, the determinants of IMF and WB conditionality, and their impact on domestic political and economic outcomes. Secondly, we invite papers that delve into the political economy of fiscal discipline, changing attitudes towards trade policies, politics of environmental protection and climate change, gender equality, sustainability, and the integration of technological advancements into IPE scholarship in relation to international financial institutions.

The workshop endorses methodological and theoretical pluralism and welcomes papers using a variety of qualitative, quantitative, mixed, and critical methodologies. Employing multiple perspectives, it aims to understand the new issues that confront international financial institutions and their responses as well as underlying reasons for policy choices, preferences, and discourses in global political economy.

Participants will contribute to a lively discourse aimed at transformative global politics infused with hope and resistance. We encourage submissions from established scholars as well as early-career researchers. Each paper will be considered for inclusion in an edited volume or special journal issue reflecting the breadth and depth of the discussions.