

Paradiplomacy Through Interdisciplinary Lenses: Bridging Different Perspectives on International Cooperation of Regions and Cities

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Workshop Focus

The concept of paradiplomacy has gained increasing importance in a world where sub-national entities, such as cities or regional governments, assert themselves as influential global actors. This phenomenon reflects broader trends in globalisation and decentralisation, raising critical questions about the nature of international engagement beyond the traditional state-centric model.

To explore these dynamics, this workshop invites scholars from various disciplines – including International Relations, political science, economics, law, geography, history, development studies, and marketing – to participate in an in-depth discussion on the multifaceted nature of paradiplomacy.

This workshop bridges disciplinary gaps by fostering dialogue between scholars from different disciplines and research traditions. Participants will examine how these fields approach the study of paradiplomacy, shedding light on the diverse methodologies and theoretical frameworks that shape their analysis. By understanding each discipline's distinct and sometimes overlapping perspectives, participants will gain deeper insights into the multidimensional nature of paradiplomatic activities.

The workshop aims to explore:

- How different disciplines conceptualize and study paradiplomacy?
- The methodologies and theoretical frameworks employed to analyze sub-national international engagement.
- The potential for interdisciplinary collaboration to enrich the understanding of paradiplomatic activities.

Workshop Format

Participants will present draft papers, which will be followed by peer feedback and open discussions. The workshop's outcomes will include new insights into interdisciplinary approaches to paradiplomacy and the preparation of an edited volume for the Routledge Series on Paradiplomacy and City Diplomacy.

Key Themes and Questions for Paper Submissions

We welcome theoretical and empirical papers exploring paradiplomacy from any of the following perspectives: International Relations (IR), Political Science, Economics, Law, Geography, History, Urban Studies, Marketing and Branding, Sociology, Development Studies, Memory Studies and Border Studies.