

## Call for Papers, EWIS 2026

### **Economic Coercion and Resilient Orders: Sanctions, Survival, and Solidarity in a Fractured World**

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Economic coercion has become a defining feature of world politics in what many describe as an “age of fracture.” States increasingly deploy sanctions, export controls, and financial restrictions not merely as tools of punishment, but as instruments to reshape alliances, enforce norms, and contest hierarchies of power. But what is their meaning in international relations? This workshop examines how economic coercion both reflects and reproduces fractures in the contemporary international order. Rather than treating sanctions as isolated policy tools, we conceptualize them as relational processes that expose deeper struggles over survival, autonomy, alignment, and hierarchy. By examining interactions among senders, targets, and third parties, the workshop explores how economic pressure can simultaneously constrain and empower, fragment and integrate.

In dialogue with the EWIS 2026 theme, the workshop highlights both the violence and creativity inherent in fractured orders. Sanctions and export controls often deepen inequalities and impose civilian costs, yet they can also spur innovation, new alignments, and unexpected solidarities, particularly among non-Western and middle powers. The workshop provides a forum for critical, empirical, and theoretical engagement with how global actors innovate and adjust their strategies to navigate coercion and ensure resilience under conditions of rising uncertainty. We invite paper submissions on topics including, but not limited to:

- Sanctions as instruments of survival
- Weaponized interdependence and the reconfiguration of global production chains
- Interdisciplinary approaches to sanctions design and implementation
- Gendered effects of sanctions
- Resistance economies, including informal trade, currency swaps, and digital payment alternatives
- The moral politics of sanctions: legitimacy, justice, and the ethics of punishment
- Comparative analyses of sanctions regimes
- Sanctions, technology, and the geopolitics of data and AI
- The political economy of resilience: adaptation by firms, banks, and local communities
- Theorizing economic coercion beyond Western-centric frameworks
- Regional organisations and evolving sanctions practices

We welcome contributions employing diverse methodological approaches. Submissions may use quantitative or qualitative methods, formal or interpretive analyses, including formal theory, fieldwork, experimental methods, and critical political economy. Together, these contributions will advance our understanding of how economic coercion reshapes world politics and international order.