



# Geopolitics and the Ethics of Finance and Trade

*7th Transatlantic Conference on  
The Ethics of Business, Trade, & Global Governance*

## *Call for Papers*

**Location: Stift Klosterneuburg, Austria**

**Dates: January 9-10, 2025**

**Submissions Deadline: November 30, 2024**

**Date of Notification: December 6, 2024**

Submission email: [finance.office@univie.ac.at](mailto:finance.office@univie.ac.at)

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in cooperation with

**Saint Anselm College, Center for Ethics in Society,  
NH, USA,**

**University of St. Andrews Centre for Responsible Banking &  
Finance, St. Andrews, Scotland,**

**ICGA – Institute for Cybernetics and Geopolitical Analysis,  
Vienna, Austria**

**Hayek Institute,  
Vienna, Austria**

announces a call for proposals for an interdisciplinary conference  
on the **Geopolitics and the Ethics of Finance and Trade.**

**Key-Note Speakers:**

- Prince Michael of Liechtenstein (Chairman of Geopolitical Intelligence Services AG)
- Robert Holzmann (Governor Austrian National Bank)
- Oliver Turner (Senior Lecturer in International Relations, University of Edinburgh)

**Summary**

Geopolitical tensions around the world threaten global trade and economic growth more and more. What are the implications of economic sanctions and trade wars, which emerge at an increasing pace? For many countries, the weaponization of currencies along with the imposition of tariffs seem to be a suitable tool to ensure a competitive advantage. However, what are the long-term effects of these measures on global wealth? The reaction of central banks to geopolitical shocks influences the development of the global economy significantly as well. To this end, what would be the right monetary policies to ensure sustainable global growth? These and other questions will be addressed at this interdisciplinary conference, which will also consider ethical implications of trade barriers, and the impact of financial regulations on global trade.

Suggested topics:

- **Responsible management of geopolitical risks**
- **Ethics, supply chains, and free trade**
- **Financial system and the economics of sanctions**
- **How should monetary policy react to geopolitical shocks?**

**Specifics: Please submit an Abstract of max. 350 words.**

We will accept proposals for individual presentations, entire panels (3-5 presentations per panel), or moderated roundtable discussions. Individual presentations at the conference will be 15-20 minutes. Proposals for panels should include a proposed title and brief explanation (50-100 words) of the panel along with abstracts for each presentation. Roundtables should include a title, a list of participants, and an explanation (up to 350 words) of the questions and issues the roundtable will address.

All proposals may be submitted via email to [finance.office@univie.ac.at](mailto:finance.office@univie.ac.at). If you have any questions about the conference, please contact Christine Neumeyer at [finance.office@univie.ac.at](mailto:finance.office@univie.ac.at).

**Publication:** Presenters at the conference will have the option of submitting their papers to a special issue of the Hayek Institute devoted to the “Geopolitics and Ethics of Finance and Trade”. Submitted papers will be subject to a double-blind, peer reviewed process. Guidelines for submitting papers for possible publication will be provided at the conference.

**Deadlines:** Proposals for individual presentations, panels, and roundtable discussions are due **November 30, 2024**. All individual presenters and panel presenters will be required to submit completed papers by **December 31, 2024**.

Moderated roundtable discussion participants do not need to submit a paper.

**More Information:** The conference is hosted by the Department of Finance, University of Vienna, and supported by our partners at the Saint Anselm College Center for Ethics in Business and Governance, the St. Andrews Centre for Responsible Banking & Finance, the Institute for Cybernetics and Geopolitical Analysis (ICGA), and the Hayek Institute. For more information on the conference, please see the University of Vienna website:

<https://finance.univie.ac.at/>

### **Preliminary Program**

Thu, Jan 9, 2025

17:00-18:00 Check-In

18:00-21:00 Dinner

19:30 Key-Note I: *Prince Michael of Liechtenstein*

Fri, Jan 10, 2025

9:00-10:15 Welcome/Session I: Ethics, supply chains, and free trade

10:15-10:45 Key-Note II: *Oliver Turner*

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:15 Session II: Financial system and the economics of sanctions

12:15-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:45 Session III: Responsible management of geopolitical risks

14:45-16:00 Session IV: How should monetary policy react to geopolitical shocks?

16:00-16:15 Break

16:15-17:00 Key-Note III: *Robert Holzmann*

17:00 Closing Remarks

### **Registration Fee:**

- **NO** Conference Fee or Submission Fee!
- If you are interested, there will be a guided tour through the monastery and an opportunity of wine-tasting in the spectacular cellars of the monastery. These events will be charged individually.
- Instead of overcharging everyone with a lump sum for the conference

dinner on Thursday evening, everyone is expected to cover their own cost.  
The menu can be found here: <https://www.stiftsrestaurant-leopold.at/speisekarte>

We will reserve options for accommodation at the conference.  
We are looking forward to seeing you at this exciting conference!

**Organizing committee,**

Prof. Thomas Gehrig, Ph.D., University of Vienna

Dr. Maria-Chiara Iannino, University of St. Andrews

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