

WORKSHOP | PROGRAMME

Geopolitical Alignment, Tensions, and the Global Economy

Measurement and Evidence

Friday, 4 December 2026

Université Paris Nanterre · Max Weber Auditorium

Papers: 20-minute presentation, 10-minute discussion and 5-minute Q&A.

Keynotes: 45-minute lecture and 15-minute discussion.

Time (CET)	Morning programme
08:30–09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00–09:15	Opening remarks
09:15–10:15	Keynote lecture I — Erik Voeten Georgetown University Geopolitical Alignment: Concept and Measurement
Session 1 Geopolitical Tensions and Trade Chair: Julien Vauday (Université Sorbonne Paris Nord) · Discussion opener: 1–2 minutes	
10:15–10:50	Trade under Tensions: Insights from Media-Reported Bilateral Events Nathan Chevalier (Université Paris-Saclay); Matthieu Crozet (Université Paris-Saclay); Charlotte Emlinger (IFE-CEPII); Daniel Mirza (Université de Tours) Presenter: Daniel Mirza Discussant: Nicolas Gavaille (Latvijas Banka and SSE Riga)
10:50–11:25	Sanctions and Trade Diversion: Evidence from Baltic Exporters Nicolas Gavaille (Latvijas Banka and SSE Riga); Natalia Levenko (Eesti Pank and Tallinn University of Technology); Alari Paulus (Eesti Pank); Aurelija Proškutė (Bank of Lithuania) Presenter: Nicolas Gavaille Discussant: Daniel Mirza (Université de Tours)
11:25–11:45	Coffee break
Session 2 Geopolitical Alignment and Macroeconomic Effects Chair: Hugo Oriola (Université Paris Nanterre) · Discussion opener: 1–2 minutes	
11:45–12:20	The BRI Membership Premium: Chinese Foreign Aid and the Geopolitical Alignment of Non-Democratic Regimes Alessia A. Amighini (Università del Piemonte Orientale) Presenter: Alessia A. Amighini Discussant: Jamel Saadaoui (Université Paris 8)
12:20–12:55	Geopolitical Turning Points and Macroeconomic Volatility: a Bilateral Identification Strategy Jamel Saadaoui (Université Paris 8) Presenter: Jamel Saadaoui Discussant: Alessia A. Amighini (Università del Piemonte Orientale)
12:55–13:55	Lunch

Afternoon programme

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13:55–14:55	Keynote lecture II — Rodolphe Desbordes SKEMA Business School Empirical Geoeconomics: A Drunkard's Search in a Straitjacket?
Session 3 Conflict, Shipping, and Economic Activity Chair: Nicolas Himounet (Université Le Havre Normandie) · Discussion opener: 1–2 minutes	
14:55–15:30	Trading Under Fire: Houthi Attacks and the Disruption of Global Shipping Nathalie El-Bazzal (Paris School of Economics) Presenter: Nathalie El-Bazzal Discussant: Jan Fidrmuc (Université de Lille, LEM)
15:30–16:05	Russia's Wartime Economy: Measuring Regional Inequalities from Outer Space Irakli Barbakadze (University College London); Jan Fidrmuc (Université de Lille, LEM); Martin Hulényi (ISEG, Universidade de Lisboa); Ketevani Kapanadze (European Research University) Presenter: Jan Fidrmuc Discussant: Nathalie El-Bazzal (Paris School of Economics)
16:05–16:25	Coffee break
Session 4 Measuring Geopolitical Risk Chair: Francisco Serranito (Université Paris Nanterre) · Discussion opener: 1–2 minutes	
16:25–17:00	Structural Geopolitical Risk Miguel Jiménez-Anleo (BBVA Research); David Sarasa-Flores (BBVA Research); Alfonso Ugarte-Ruiz (BBVA Research) Presenter: Alfonso Ugarte-Ruiz Discussant: Urszula Szczerbowicz (SKEMA Business School)
17:00–17:35	Geopolitical Risk and ECB Monetary Policy Transmission to Sovereign Spreads Laurent Ferrara (SKEMA Business School); Urszula Szczerbowicz (SKEMA Business School) Presenter: Urszula Szczerbowicz Discussant: Alfonso Ugarte-Ruiz (BBVA Research)
17:35–17:50	Closing discussion and remarks

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Practical information

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Venue: Max Weber building (W), ground-floor auditorium, Université Paris Nanterre, 200 avenue de la République, 92000 Nanterre, France.

Access: RER A or Transilien L to Nanterre Université. From the station, enter the campus and follow the signs to the Max Weber building (W). [Campus map](#) · [Transport information](#)

Lunch: A buffet lunch will be served on site from 12:55 to 13:55. Please contact the organizer to confirm lunch participation.

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