

# **INVESTMENT, TRADE AND GEO-POLITICAL CHALLENGES**

**SDC workshop – Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday December 1st 2023**

**Sino-Danish College / Center for Education and Research, Eastern Yanqihu campus, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, 380 Huaibeizhuang, Huairou district, Beijing**

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The 2008 financial crisis, the rise of insular forms of populism in many western countries, growing fears about the integrity and resilience of supply chains, migration and refugee crises, strategic competition in the advanced technologies, calls for “decoupling”, conflict, and the effects of the Covid pandemic have all when taken together put a question mark against the prospects for further globalization. Indeed, in place of globalization, we increasingly hear references to “deglobalization” as well as reshoring or “friendshoring” efforts by major firms. There have been increasingly pronounced moves towards the adoption of industrial policy in the U.S., the U.K. and the European Union all of which appear to have protectionist implications. This raises questions:

- How far is “deglobalization” or “decoupling” a reality? Or – if different sectors are considered – do the patterns trends defy an overall categorization?
- Do governments really have the capacity to bring about “decoupling”?
- Will recent US measures such as the CHIPS and Science Act have an impact?
- Historical experience suggests that industrial policy has a poor track record in western countries. Will history repeat itself?
- Are Chinese investment trends and patterns shifting in response to global trends as, for example, the ASEAN countries become more important and US markets seem less certain than in earlier years?
- Is the shift in US trading relations (figures released in January 2023 indicated that trade between the US and China decreased by 15.4% but the overall volume of US foreign trade had increased by 5.9%) likely to have an enduring character?
- Can global organizations play a part in maintaining global economic relationships?

## PLEASE NOTE

- The workshop will be held on the Eastern Yanqihu campus of the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences,  
([https://maps.app.goo.gl/Fq54NFoBzPHkaFgKA?g\\_st=com.microsoft.Office.Outlook.compose-shareextension](https://maps.app.goo.gl/Fq54NFoBzPHkaFgKA?g_st=com.microsoft.Office.Outlook.compose-shareextension)).
- If you interested in presenting a paper at the workshop please send a 200 word abstract with brief biographical details to both Lv Ping ([lvping@ucas.ac.cn](mailto:lvping@ucas.ac.cn)) and Eddie Ashbee ([ea.egb@cbs.dk](mailto:ea.egb@cbs.dk)) **BEFORE** Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.
- SDC MSc students are welcome to join the workshop. There will be a briefing for those who wish to participate on **Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup>**
- Sino-Danish Center for Education and Research – further information: <https://sdc.university>

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