

Padova, May 8th - 9th 2025

Sala Bortolami
Palazzo Jonoch Gulinelli
Via del Vescovado, 30, Padova

Wehc 2025 pre-conference – University of Padova

Commodities and Global Governance. Organizations, Markets and Finance

May 8th, 14.00-18.00

14.00 - Venue and welcome addresses:

Andrea Caracausi (University of Padova) – Head of Dissgea;
Marco Bertilorenzi (University of Padova), Thomas David (University of Lausanne), Elisa Grandi - Organizers

S1. Traders and commodities

Chair: **Thomas David** (University of Lausanne)

14.30 - 15.00 Mariela Ceva (Conicet and Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina), “South America’s commodities trade. A study on “Bunge & Born Ltd.S.A- Commercial, Financial and Industrial”, 1884-1964”

15.00-15.30 Jerome Sgard (Sciences Po Paris) “Imperial politics, open markets and private legal ordering: the global grain trade (1875-1914)”

Discussion: 15.30-16.00

Discussion 16.00-16.30

Pause: 16.30-16.50

S2. International trade and crisis

Chair: **Glenda Sluga** (European University Institute)

16.50-17.20 Jamie Martin (Harvard University), “The First Commodity Producer Bailouts?: The Outbreak of the First World War and the Economic Crisis of 1914”

17.20-17.50 Elisa Grandi (Université Paris Cité), “International Credit, commodities, and development: the Export Import Bank in the Inter-American Trade (1935-1954)”

17.00-17.30 Mario De Prosio (University of Padova), “Land, experts’; visions, and multilateral aid: FAO and agrarian reforms 1950s-1970s”

Discussion 17.30-18.00

May 9th, 9.00-13.00

S3. Competition amongst stabilizations

Chair: **Elisa Grandi** (Université Paris Cité)

9.00-9.30 Laura Chiara Cecchi (University of Trento), “STABEX: A Euro-African Path to Commodity Revenue Stabilisation, 1975-1995”

9.30-10.00 Marco Bertilorenzi (University of Padova), “Commodity prices stabilization and futures trading. A neo-liberal option or a proposal from the Global south?”

10.00-10.30 Mirek Tobias Hosman (Université Paris Cité and University of Bologna), “Stabilization or Reimbursement: Two Approaches to Volatile Commodity Prices at the World Bank in the 1960s”.

Discussion 10.30-11.00

Pause 11.00-11.20

S4. Governance and global trade

Chair: **Giovanni Favero** (University Ca’ Foscari Venice)

11.20-11.50 Thomas David (University of Lausanne), “Commodity trade and agreements and international Business Associations (1930-1980)”

11.50-12.20 Guilherme Sampaio (European University Institute), “Forecasting ‘Global’ Commodity Trade: the UN System and Project LINK or the Politics of Macroeconometric Research (1968-1980)”

Discussion 12.20-12.40