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Please register for the conference before **November 24, 2023** by using our online application form [here](#).

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Conference Fee

Including room and board 85 €
(Reduced Fee 50 €).
Including meals but without room 60 €
(Reduced Fee 40 €).

We kindly ask you to pay the conference registration fee in cash in Euros or via a German debit card at the reception upon your arrival at the Academy. Please note we have no facilities for processing credit card payments.

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Meals

The Academy offers you vegetarian and non-vegetarian food. Please let us know in advance which kind of meal you prefer. In case of any food intolerances or allergies we are happy to prepare a meal for you for an additional 10 € per conference taking into account your intolerances or allergies.

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From the airport take the urban railway S-1 or S-8 to Munich Central Station and follow the instructions above.



You can also reach the Academy by foot from Tutzing train station. It takes you 20 to 30 minutes.



To reach the Academy by car, take freeway A95 from Munich via A952 to Starnberg and continue on the federal highway until you pass the town of Traubing, then take a left. At the end of the road turn right to Tutzing. The Academy is on your left shortly after passing the town sign Tutzing.



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The Politics of Global Finance Actors, Structures, Ratings

Memorial workshop in honour
of Timothy J. Sinclair



December 8 – 9, 2023

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INVITATION

The politics of global finance cannot be solely reduced to the power that financial actors exert over states. Instead, a much greater range of actors and structures needs to be considered to pinpoint the sources of political power and influence at work within financial markets, demonstrating the significance of private power and authority within structures of global governance. Timothy J. Sinclair’s work on the politics of credit ratings has been exemplary of such an approach, providing an important legacy for the field of International Political Economy. The demystification of markets as apolitical spaces, the challenge of the notion that markets work according to mechanistic laws of behaviour, and the life-long enquiry into the constitutive social practices of global finance has inspired a whole new generation of scholars.

With this workshop, we want to celebrate Tim’s work and learn from early career researchers who explore the politics of global finance broadly conceived and have been inspired in their work by Tim’s scholarship. The event also features roundtable discussions on The Politics of Credit Ratings and Future Directions in the Politics of Global Finance.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

- 1.30 pm [Arrival and Coffee](#)
- 2.45 pm **Introduction**
Giulia Mennillo
Lena Rethel
- 3.00 pm **Opening Roundtable: The Politics of Credit Ratings**
Natalia Besedovsky
Universität Hamburg
- Andreas Kruck*
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
- Giulia Mennillo*
Akademie für Politische Bildung
- Zsófia Barta*
University at Albany
- Alison Johnston* (online)
Oregon State University
- Moderation: *Lena Rethel*
University of Warwick
- 4.00 pm [Break](#)
- 4.30 pm **The political economy of credit rating agencies: American short-termist universalism, Europe’s acquiescence, and East Asia’s resistance**
Fumihito (Fumi) Gotoh (online)
University of Sheffield
- Discussants: *Erin Lockwood*
Andreas Kruck
- 5.30 pm **Keeping Score: Big Data, Digital Marketing and Consumer Debt in Contemporary Global Capitalism**
Leanne Roderick
Simon Fraser University
- Discussants: *James Patriquin*
Lena Rethel
- 6.30 pm [Dinner](#)

- 7.30 pm **Climate Risk, Inscription Networks and the Emergence of a Climate Leviathan: The Case of Moody’s**
John H. Morris
University of Nottingham
- Discussants: *Dan Wood*
Natalia Besedovsky

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

- 8.00 am [Breakfast](#)
- 9.00 am **Why Didn’t Europe Securitise More? How Covered Bonds Fuel Credit Bubbles in Sweden’s Financialized Economy**
Viktor Skyrman
Stockholm School of Economics
- Discussants: *Giulia Mennillo*
Zsafia Barta
- 10.00 am [Break](#)
- 10.15 am **Controllers of Capital: Bond Index Providers and the Politics of Bond Indexing**
Dan Wood
University of Warwick
- Discussants: *John H. Morris*
Randall Germain
- 11.15 am [Break](#)
- 11.30 am **Governing Market Access: Local Currency Sovereign Debt and the Gatekeeping Power of Index Providers**
Ben Cormier
University of Strathclyde
- Discussants: *Viktor Skyrman*
Johannes Petry
- 12.30 pm [Lunch](#)

- 1.30 pm **The Digital Trilemma**
James Patriquin
Carleton University
- Discussants: *Leanne Roderick*
Leonard Seabrooke
- 2.30 pm [Coffee Break](#)
- 3.00 pm **Who Manages the Risk Managers? The Politics of Risk-Weighted Capital Reform in the Basel III Era**
Erin Lockwood
University of California Irvine
- Discussants: *Ben Cormier*
Oliver Kessler
- 4.00 pm **Closing Roundtable: Future Directions in the Politics of Global Finance**
Oliver Kessler
Universität Erfurt
- Lena Rethel*
University of Warwick
- Johannes Petry*
Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main
- Leonard Seabrooke*
Copenhagen Business School
- Randall Germain*
Carleton University
- Moderation: *Giulia Mennillo*
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- 5.30 pm [End of workshop](#)