

17. European domestic societies in the face of European integration and globalisation

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A recent, if rather disparate, turn in political economy scholarship has sought to link three broad themes: globalisation, European integration and change in European domestic societies. Diverse changes in European domestic societies commonly attributed to processes of globalisation and/or European integration include, for instance, the appearance of new modes of governance, the restructuring of political conflict and patterns of interest intermediation, the re-calibration of domestic identities, the infusion of neo-liberal ideas within domestic public administration and sectoral policies plus, in a reactive sense, the move towards a new politics of economic patriotism.

This workshop will be devoted to the analytical challenge of how these three processes can be examined in concert. What types of analytical strategy are appropriate for understanding the relationship between global market pressures, supranational governance and domestic socio-economic transformation? Do 'globalisation' and 'Europeanisation' constitute rival variables (perhaps mediated by institutions) that might explain domestic change? Is the growth of EU governance a local (European) embodiment of globalisation or a means to deliver globalisation within European space? What is the role of EU-level institutions, discourses and policies in mediating the domestic effects of processes of globalisation?

With the intention of drawing upon work from various theoretical starting points and empirical domains, the workshop has two overarching objectives:

- 1) to consider how European domestic societies respond to European integration and globalisation respectively and,
- 2) to examine how EU-level institutions, discourses and policies either facilitate or act as an 'antidote' to globalisation.

Papers are invited which approach the workshop themes from a range of theoretical perspectives including the study of 'varieties of capitalism', discourse analysis and institutional theory. Particularly welcome are case-studies, cross-national comparisons and cross-sectoral comparative studies.