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## CFIS 2025 ACADEMIC WORKSHOP

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An Interdisciplinary Scholarly Workshop on Economic Security

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# Conceptualizing Economic Security: a Multidisciplinary and Comparative Debate

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### About the CELIS Institute

The CELIS Institute is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan research enterprise dedicated to promoting better regulation of foreign investments in the context of security, public order, and competitiveness. It produces expert analysis and fosters a continuous trusting dialogue between policymakers, the investment community, and academics. The CELIS Institute is the leading forum for studying and debating investment screening policy. More about the Institute at [www.celis.institute](http://www.celis.institute).

### About Law & Geoeconomics

Law & Geoeconomics is a double-anonymous peer-reviewed journal that provides a platform for an emerging multi-/interdisciplinary scholarly community to rigorously analyse and debate the relationship between law and geoeconomics and its implications for world politics. More about the journal [here](http://www.lawandgeoeconomics.com).

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The first six months of Trump's presidency, as well as the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, and continued great power competition between the US and China, promises that the conflictual, competitive and geostrategic global economic policy environment is here to stay for the foreseeable future.

As governments continue to enhance their economic resilience amid escalating geopolitical tensions, restrictive measures, such as foreign direct investment screening and export controls, are being implemented or considered to safeguard critical technologies, supply chains, and other strategic assets. At the same time, governments are increasingly using tools often associated with developmentalism and industrial policy to proactively shape critical supply chains and strategic technologies in the name of national security. While these initiatives aim to fortify economic security, they also pose significant challenges to the operation of free markets, uncertainties regarding international legal principles and institutions, and impacts on the geography and uneven distribution of trade and investment flows.

In recent years, diverse strands of literature across disciplines operating largely in isolation from each other have emerged to explain, assess, and understand these matters. This workshop invites original and thought-provoking papers from a variety of disciplines to critically and comparatively examine the conceptual boundaries of economic security and how expanding economic security concepts and policy measures influence existing legal frameworks, political dynamics, and economic freedoms.

The CFIS 2025 Academic Workshop is designed in collaboration with [Law & Geoeconomics](#) as an interdisciplinary workshop preceding the [CFIS 2025](#). It aims to foster rigorous scholarly discussion among senior academics, postdoctoral researchers, and advanced doctoral candidates across the disciplines of law, political science, and economics. The workshop will critically examine issues at the intersection of economic security, regulatory responses to geopolitical competition, and their broader implications.

We especially welcome papers that focus on:

- Economic security as a policy concept and/or legal framework, and how it can be distinguished from national security.
- The role of non-governmental actors in shaping the economic security debate; their responses and challenges in navigating new and amended regulation aimed to increase economic resilience.
- Comparative analyses on divergent conceptualisations and implementation of policies under the economic security umbrella.
- The effects or implications of economic security policies on established legal principles, the operation of free markets, and/or the geography of existing trade and investment flows.



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## Workshop format and practical details

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The event offers participants a rare opportunity to receive detailed feedback from leading scholars and peers. The workshop will allocate significant time to intensive discussion of a relatively small number of selected papers. Participants are expected to read other submitted papers and to fully participate in in-depth exchange and cooperation.

Interested candidates should send their **abstracts** for review by **10<sup>th</sup> of August 23.59 CET**. Selected participants will be notified by the end of August. Please note that successful applicants are expected to send their **full papers** by the **12<sup>th</sup> of October 23.59 CET**, which are expected to be in well-advanced stages of development, but not yet under review.

As part of our ongoing commitment to support and help communicate academic research to policy-makers, we also ask participants to write a short article (1.500-3.000 words including references) based on the presented paper to be included in the CFIS 25 conference proceedings and published as a separate post on the CELIS Blog.

Workshop participants will be invited to join the [CFIS 25 programme](#) for a reduced fee.

### Fees and Logistics

- Workshop + opening day of CFIS 25 (Wednesday): Free of charge.
- Workshop + full participation in CFIS 25 (Wednesday-Friday): 1,400 EUR (excl. VAT)
- Participants will arrange their own travel and accommodation.  
Location: Haus der Deutschen Wirtschaft, Berlin, Germany.
- The CELIS Institute will award one *CELIS Directors' Stipend* of 1,200 EUR to the PhD student who submits the best workshop paper. This Stipend will go towards reducing the participation fee for full participation at CFIS 25.

### Contact and Submission

Abstracts and inquiries to Floor Doppen - [fd@celis.institute](mailto:fd@celis.institute)

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## Timelines

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- Abstract Submission Deadline: 10 August 2025 (200–400 words)
- Acceptance Notification: 14 August 2025
- Full Paper Submission: 12 October 2025
- Workshop: 22 October 2025 (if participating in CFIS 25 until 24 October 2025)

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