

4th international conference on globalization

Is globalization coming to an end?

How differentiation of knowledge is changing the world

May 27-28, 2024 Eurac Research, Bozen/Bolzano Conference Hall & Seminar room 2-3



The 4th edition of the "Understanding Globalization" series, sheds light on the production and dissemination of knowledge in a globalized world. Who produces global knowledge? Who has access to global knowledge? And how is access to knowledge prevented? Substantial changes in geopolitical developments, digitization and technology, including the growing influence of militarization, impact knowledge flows at various levels, and have created a differentiation of knowledge that is changing the world. Regional disparities play a crucial role in this, influencing both central and decentralized knowledge dissemination. Some regions may benefit from easier access to global educational and knowledge resources – others face digital, cultural, or political divides and have far fewer opportunities. However, not all regions are committed to fostering global knowledge exchange. Some actively seek to impede or distort the flow of (scientific) knowledge, whether through restricting open access or outright bans. These developments influence relationships, cultures, alliances, and discourses, ultimately impacting our daily lives – demanding an even more nuanced and differentiated consideration of globalization processes.

Day 1: Differentiating globalization: knowledge is power!

May 27, 2024 | 14.00–18.00 Conference Hall

Language: English Chair: Harald Pechlaner	
14.00-14.05	Welcome Roland Psenner, President of Eurac Research
14.05–14.20	What could differentiated globalization mean? Harald Pechlaner, Head of the Center for Advanced Studies, Eurac Research Roland Benedikter, Co-Head of the Center for Advanced Studies and UNESCO Chair in Interdisciplinary Anticipation and Global-Local Transformation, Eurac Research
14.20-15.00	Is Globalization coming to an end? A differentiated perspective Manfred Steger, Professor of Transnational Sociology, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Honolulu
15.00-15.45	Panel 2×15 minutes short presentations and discussion Global circuits of knowledge production in Modern China Jennifer Altehenger, Professor at the Faculty of History, Oxford University How to know the future of globalization? Credible scenarios James H. Mittelman, Professor at the School of International Service, American University
15.45–16.15	Coffee break
16.15–17.00	Knowledge production in the global condition: new possibilities, old inequalities? Kathleen Schlütter, Research Fellow at the Leipzig Research Centre Global Dynamics, Leipzig University
17.00-18.00	Book presentation: "Globalization – Past, Present, Future" Manfred Steger, Professor of Transnational Sociology, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Honolulu Ingrid Kofler, Sociologist at the Faculty of Design and Art, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Tommaso Durante, Teaching Associate at the School of Culture and Communication, University of Melbourne Moderation: Zoe Krueger Weisel

Day 2: Knowledge, imaginaries, narratives

May 28, 2024 | 09.00–12.15 Seminar room 2-3

Language: English Chair: Harald Pechlaner	
09.00-09.30	Waves, paradigms, and narratives of globalization Henning Vöpel, Chairman of the Center for European Policy and Professor of Economics at the BSP Business and Law School
09.30-10.00	At the intersection of epistemic and climate justice: notes from the field Manisha Desai, Professor and Executive Director of The Center for Changing Systems of Power, Stony Brook University
10.00-10.30	Coffee break
10.30-11.00	Theories of globalization: a philosophical interpretation Sebastiano Maffettone, Professor at the Free International University of Social Studies "Guido Carli", LUISS
11.00-11.45	Joint Discussion Henning Vöpel, Chairman of the Center for European Policy and Professor of Economics at the BSP Business and Law School Manisha Desai, Professor and Executive Director of The Center for Changing Systems of Power, Stony Brook University Sebastiano Maffettone, Professor at the Free International University of Social Studies "Guido Carli", LUISS
11.45–12.00	Presentation Journal New Global Studies (NGS) Christoph Kircher, Sociologist at the Center for Advanced Studies, Eurac Research Roland Benedikter, Co-Head of the Center for Advanced Studies and UNESCO Chair in Interdisciplinary Anticipation and Global-Local Transformation, Eurac Research
12.15	End of the event and aperitif

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