

ITSG

ITALIAN TRADE STUDY GROUP

CALL FOR PAPERS

Trade Security and Trade Policy in Europe and Developing Countries

LUISS University, Viale Romania 32 00197, Rome | May 28-29 2026.

The next meeting of the Italian Trade Study Group (ITSG) will be hosted by the LUISS Research Centre for European Analysis and Policy (LEAP), in collaboration with the Manlio Masi Foundation and the Centro Rossi-Doria. The event will take place at the LUISS University, Viale Romania 32 00197, Rome.

Recent years have seen a growing entanglement of trade policy with concerns over economic security, geopolitical rivalry, and strategic autonomy. Measures once framed primarily in terms of efficiency and liberalisation are increasingly justified through the lenses of resilience, security of supply, industrial policy, and risk management. Nowhere is this shift more visible than in Europe's evolving trade agenda and its implications for developing countries.

We invite submissions of complete papers or advanced drafts on all topics related to contributions that examine the intersections between trade security and trade policy, with a particular focus on Europe and its trade relations with developing economies.

The selected contributions will be invited to present at the Italian Trade Study Group workshop, funded by the on EU Inclusive and Open Strategic Autonomy Centre (EU-IOSAC), a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence hosted at LEAP.

We welcome theoretical, empirical, and policy-oriented papers that explore how security considerations are reshaping trade governance, instruments, and outcomes, as well as their distributional, developmental, and geopolitical effects. **Relevant topics include, but are not limited to:**

- The concept and operationalisation of “trade security” in trade policy.
- Strategic autonomy, supply-chain resilience, and their implications for developing countries.
- Trade restrictions, export controls, and investment screening measures.
- Industrial policy, subsidies, and their compatibility with multilateral trade rules and budget constraints.
- The impact of security-driven trade policies on development and inequality both within and across countries.
- Responses of developing countries to Europe's evolving trade and security agenda.
- FDI and globalization.

The ITSG conference seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue across economics, political economy and related disciplines to generate insights relevant to both academic debates and policy discussions.

We are pleased to announce that the keynote lecture will be delivered by **Alan Winters, Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Sussex**, fellow and founding director of UK Trade Policy Observatory (UKTPO) and the Centre for Inclusive Trade Policy.

The papers should be submitted to the Secretariat Fondazione Masi segreteria.fondazionemasi@ice.it – **by April 03, 2026**. The acceptance of the papers will be notified no later than April 20, 2026.

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Logistic information about the meeting will be posted in due time on the following websites:
www.fondazionemasi.it and <https://leap.luiss.it/>
