



Global Value Chains of Digital Economy in the Indo-Pacific: Challenges and Opportunities

Workshop 21-22 November 2024

Hybrid (online/onsite)

On 21 and 22 November, the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) together with Irma Mosquera Valderrama (GLOBTAXGOV Project at the Leiden Law School - Leiden University), Julien Chaisse (City University of Hong Kong and Asia Pacific FDI Network) and George Dimitropoulos (Hamad Bin Khalifa University), organizes a (hybrid) workshop on Global Value Chains of Digital Economy in the Indo-Pacific: Challenges and Opportunities.

Date

Thursday 21 November from 13-17:30 p.m. and Friday 22 November from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Time zone: Central European Time CET (Amsterdam, Berlin, Paris)

Who should attend?

This workshop is addressed to academics, including junior and senior researchers, government officials, policy makers (EU, regional and international organizations), among others.

Interested to attend can be registered by emailing [Irma Mosquera Valderrama](mailto:Irma.Mosquera.Valderrama@law.leidenuniv.nl) [i.j.mosquera.valderrama@law.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:Irma.Mosquera.Valderrama@law.leidenuniv.nl)

Registration is free. Spaces are limited.

Venue

Onsite: Faculteitskamer Rechten, Academic Building, Leiden University
Rapenburg 73, Leiden, the Netherlands

Online: Link via ZOOM: When registered, you will receive a link for the event the day before the seminar.

Background

Digital economy is guiding the business connectivity, market mechanisms, investments, business incubation, and cooperation for Digital Public Infrastructure across borders. In the digital economy ecology, developing economies in the Indo-Pacific require to exchange and cooperate, and synergize their human resource capacities and infrastructure. The cooperation for digital connectivity in the Indo-Pacific must focus on the following overarching question:

What are the challenges before the developing regions of Indo-Pacific, and their preparedness and preparation to participate in the supply chains of digital economy? The digital economy has arrived rather abruptly for most developing regions, including some parts of Asia and Africa, even before these regions could fully participate in the value chains of manufacturing and industries. These economies have a mixed corps of education, innovation, technology and regulatory capacities, as well as investments in supply chain infrastructure. For example, India has created successful digital public infrastructure for fintech and payments and is home to several unicorns. Many ASEAN member countries have thriving start-up eco-systems, and ASEAN is now working on its Digital Economy Framework. At the same time, several countries in Europe have a thriving digital economy ecology and the EU is forward-looking in the rules and governance of digital economy and the AI – also with an extraterritorial scope.

Yet, the future of work in developing economies will be determined by the rules of cooperation, and investments in infrastructure and capacities for digital economy. The emerging cooperation with and the role of the G7 and non-G7 countries will be important for the development of services, human capital, regulations for data protection, e-commerce, and taxation – for securing the quality, resilience, and longevity of supply chains of the digital economy. Research to identify the conditions under which emerging and developing countries in Indo-Pacific, especially developing Asia, can be better integrated in the Global Value Chains of the digital economy is important. The same applies to identifying the challenges, and addressing the conditions under which digital infrastructure and institutional capacities can be carried out in a plurilateral framework among partners in Asia, and between Asia and Europe under the Asia-Europe connectivity plans. Capacities in India and ASEAN around startups and DPIs can be optimally utilized by regional partners in Asia and Europe.

Integrating developing economies into the digital economy is vital for global investment and trade, as it ensures regulatory consistency, enhances cybersecurity, and addresses infrastructure deficiencies. This integration fosters a stable and secure environment for cross-border transactions, attracting sustained investments. It also promotes resilient global value chains, encourages innovation, and drives inclusive economic growth, which is essential for a balanced and equitable international trade system. However, the integration of developing economies in the Indo-Pacific into the digital economy presents several fundamental legal and policy challenges.

This workshop aims to address these challenges and for this purpose, several authors from Indo-Pacific region have been invited to present their papers on topics such as Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Global Value Chain, Regional Frameworks, among others. These authors will be presenting their papers in the workshop of 21 and November 2024, open to public. This workshop follows the workshop (closed for authors) that took place on the 18th of October 2024.

Programme

Each presentation will have 20 minutes followed by 20 minutes input by discussants, and 10 minutes Q&A

21 November 2024

All times are Central European Time (CET)

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- 13:00-13:15** Welcome and Introduction by Anita Prakash (Senior Policy Advisor ERIA)
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- 13:15-14:05** [Julien Chaisse](#) and [George Dimitropoulos](#)
Digital Transformation in the Indo-Pacific
Discussant(s)
Mihalis Kritikos and Ahmed Al-Sulaiti
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- 14:05-14:55** [Anita Prakash](#) and [Lurong Chen](#)
Overarching Demands for Participation in and Expansion of Digital Economy in the Indo-Pacific
Discussant(s)
Jason Grant Allen and Tomohiko Kobayashi
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- 14:55-15:10** **Coffee Break**
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- 15:10-16:00** [Suranjali Tandon](#)
Taxing the Mobile
Discussant(s)
Christina Dimitripolou Maastricht University
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- 16:00-16:50** [Jason Grant Allen](#)
Middle Power "Norm Entrepreneurship" and the Challenges of Implementation in the Indo-Pacific Digital Economy
Discussant(s)
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16:50-17:20 Governance and the Digital Economy: A case study
Guest Speaker [Jurian Lock](#) – Leiden Law School

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8:30-9:20 [Rostam J. Neuwirth](#)
AI and Related Technologies in the Digital Economy: Multilateral and Regional
Legal Challenges
Discussant(s)
Alexandros Bakos

9:20-10:10 [Andrew Mitchell](#) & [Devon Whittle](#)
Cybersecurity in the Indo-Pacific: Strategic Challenges and Geopolitical
Dynamics
Discussant(s)
Neha Misra

10:10-10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30-11:20 [Tomohiko Kobayashi](#)
Supply chains in Indo-Pacific: Digital Economy as a source of resilient,
diversified, and trustworthy supply chains
Discussant(s)
Jason Rudall

11:20-11:30 Closing words Anita Prakash

Moderator

Irma Mosquera Valderrama, is Full Professor Tax Governance at Leiden Law School (Leiden University), the Netherlands. She is also the EU [Jean Monnet](#) Chair Holder on the topic EU Tax Governance ([EUTAXGOV](#)), and Lead Researcher of the [European Research Council](#) (ERC) Funded Project that investigates Global Tax Governance ([GLOBTAXGOV](#)).