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Maastricht Observatory for Responsible, Resilient and Sustainable Societies, Economies and Enterprises

3rd Annual Conference 2023

**Track:**

**Trade shocks and resilience in open economies**

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**Track Chairs:**

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**Description of the track**

Traditional international economics teaches us that the benefits of trade and specialization are significant and can be shared along the value chain, such that all benefit. This is true on average, but in an uncertain world, shocks will propagate along these value chains and typically end up hurting the weakest links in the chains the most. Covid-19 for example, hits the world’s poor hardest in terms of health effects and welfare. Maintaining healthy buffers and circuit breakers that are very valuable in times of crisis comes at costs and benefits parts of the chain that are not willing or able to pay for them in normal circumstances. The growing interconnectedness of economies in global value chains is a source of both resilience and vulnerability, in ways that beg further analysis.

**Examples of relevant research topics**

* Identifying exposure and/or resilience to trade and global value chain shocks
* Studies of differences and complementarities between different types of shocks (Global Financial Crisis, Trade collapse, COVID-19, technological change) in a globalised world
* Propagation along value chains, through firm-to-firm and trade relationships
* Policy implications of such shocks: how to build resilience in trade global value chains

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