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Industrial Policy Lab

2nd Industrial Policy Lab Annual Conference

Industrial Policy in an Age of (Geo)strategic Competition

Date and Location

November 30 – December 1, 2026
KfW Niederlassung Berlin (Charlottenstraße 33/33a, 10117 Berlin)

Organizers

Moritz Schularick (Kiel Institute, Sciences Po & CEPR)
Katharina Erhardt (Kiel Institute, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, DICE, CESifo & CEPR)

Co-Organizers

Hanna Hottenrott (ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research & Technical University of Munich) and Nils Redeker (Jacques Delors Centre, Hertie School)

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Day 1 | Monday, November 30

08:30 Doors open & Registration

09:00 **Opening & Welcome**

Room A

Beate Baron (Director-General for Industrial Policy at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy) & **Katharina Erhardt** (Kiel Institute)

09:10 **Academic Keynote**

Room A

Green Industrial Policy

Felix Tintelnot (Duke University)

10:10 Coffee Break

10:40 **Industrial Policy, Carbon and Climate Finance**

Room A

The Environmental Bias of Industrial Policy

Kathrine von Graevenitz (ZEW)
Philipp M. Richter (University of Mannheim)
Elisa Rottner (LSE)
Robin Sogalla (University of Mannheim)

Mobilizing Private Capital for the Climate Transition: Evidence from Global Investment Data

Florian Egli (TU Munich)
Clemens-Maria Lehofer (TU Munich)
Malte Toetzke (TU Munich)

Connecting Firms to Markets

Room B

What Happens in Paris, Does Not Stay in Paris: Trade Fairs and Search and Matching Frictions

Gábor Békés (Central European University)
Matyas Molnar (Central European University)
Claudia Steinwender (LMU Munich)

In Search of Demand Engines: Evidence from South Africa's Automotive Industrial Policy

Matteo Filippi (University of Zurich)

12:00 Lunch Break

Lunch-Briefing: Economic Principles for Defense Industrial Policy

Room B at 12:45

Balázs Markó (Bocconi)
Olivier Kooi (LSE)

13:00 Industrial Policy and Its Trade-offs

Room A

The Benefits of Early Adaptation to Structural Change
Lukas Buchheim (TU Dortmund)
Kai Fischer (WU Vienna)
Andreas Lichter (TU Dortmund)
Marcel Vögele (TU Dortmund)

An Industrial Policy Hexagon: Identifying Conditions for Success
Ann E. Harrison (University of California, Berkeley)

Geography of Multinational Production

Room B

Specialization by Design: The Unequal Geographic Effects of Modular Product Design
Vishan Gandhi Nigam (Yale University)

Technology, Licensing and Multinational Production
Sophia Praetorius (University of Geneva)

14:20 Transition

14:30 Industrial Policy Design

Room A

Why Avoiding Deindustrialization via Subsidies May Trigger a Subsidy Trap and Slow Down Green Investments
Markus Dertwinkel-Kalt (University of Münster)
Anna Ressi (WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management)
Christian Wey (Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)

Which Firms Profit from Size-Dependent Regulation?
Philipp J.H. Schröder (Aarhus University)
Allan Sørensen (Aarhus University)

Strategic Technologies

Room B

The Geography of Defense Technology
Hanna Hottenrott (ZEW & TU Munich)
Bernhard Ganglmair (ZEW)

Tournament Industrial Policy: China's Subnational Competition for Hydrogen Leadership
Benno Schöl (Kiel Institute)
Finn Ole Semrau (Kiel Institute)
Jian Zhang (Kiel Institute)

15:50 Transition

16:00 Project Spotlight

Room A

Launch of the Industrial Policy Report 2026
Nils Redeker (Jacques Delors Centre, Hertie School)

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00 Policy Panel

Room A

Europe's Place in the Global Economy: Industrial Policy between Competitiveness and Security

Beata Javorcik (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development)
Stefan Wintels (KfW)
Andreas Zaby (Federal Agency for Breakthrough Innovation)
N. N. (Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy)

18:00 End of Conference Day 1

Day 2 | Tuesday, December 1

08:30 Doors open & Registration

09:00 Policy Keynote
Room A
Spending Smarter on Industrial Policy
Chiara Criscuolo (OECD)

10:00 Transition

10:10 Critical Minerals & Export Restrictions
Room A
Digging Up the Value Chain: Mineral Export Restrictions and Industrial Upgrading
Qingyu Chen (University of Oxford)

Trade and Industrial Policy in Supply Chains: Directed Technological Change in Rare Earths
Laura Alfaro (Harvard Business School)
Harald Fadinger (University of Vienna)
Jan Schymik (University of Mannheim)
Gede Virananda (NYU Stern)

Place-Based Industrial Policy
Room B
Localized Productivity Spillovers from Large Investment Projects: Micro Evidence on Place-Based Industrial Policy
Tomaso Duso (DIW Berlin & TU Berlin)
Theodor Friederiszick (University of Zurich)
Jo Seldeslachts (KU Leuven)

Place-Based Industrial Policy, Skill Scarcity and Labor Reallocation
Laura Contreras-Portela (Aix-Marseille School of Economics)

11:30 Coffee Break

12:00 In Conversation with: Emily Blanchard & Moritz Schularick
Room A
Emily Blanchard (Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth) & **Moritz Schularick** (Kiel Institute)

12:45 Closing Remarks
Room A
Moritz Schularick (Kiel Institute)

12:55 Light Lunch

14:00 End of Conference