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Dear subscribers to the IPE@WU Newsletter,

Welcome to the April 2026 edition of our monthly digest with the latest news from the Institute for International Political Economy.

This month, we feature insights from a student studying the geopolitics of trade and sustainability, reflections on the Indonesia–EU trade agreement, and highlights from the Vienna Political Economy Workshop. We also spotlight a course on international trade and business and new research on African politics scholarship.

Thank you for being a valuable member of our community. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out, we'd love to hear from you!

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Understanding the Forces Shaping International Trade and Business

By Clint Peinhardt

This spring, visiting Fulbright Scholar Clint Peinhardt joins the IPE to offer courses on sustainable business and the political economy of international trade and multinational corporations. Drawing on his experience from the University of Texas at Dallas, he provides students with a unique perspective on how global markets and political forces interact, from trade policy and tariffs to the growing influence of multinational corporations.

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Discussing Indonesia-EU Trade with Deutsche Welle

By Sidan Raeskyesa

In a recent discussion with Deutsche Welle Indonesia, Sidan Raeskyesa reflects on the promise and challenges of the Indonesia–EU Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IEU-CEPA). While the agreement signals strong potential for increased foreign investment and industrial growth, it also raises critical questions about inclusivity and domestic readiness.

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Strengthening Vienna's Political Economy Community

By Jonas Bunte

The 2nd Vienna Political Economy Workshop brought together political economists from the University of Vienna, WU Vienna, and the Central European University (CEU). Hosted by the University of Vienna, the workshop provided a forum for faculty members, post-docs, and PhD students to present ongoing research and discuss new ideas.

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Who Shapes the Narrative on African Politics?

By Zack Zimbalist

New research by Zack Zimbalist and Elisa Omodei examines who drives scholarly influence in African politics within top Political Science journals. Using a citation network approach, the study finds that African and Africa-based scholars remain underrepresented among the most influential voices.

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Turning Academic Curiosity into Career Clarity

By Sarah Tauber

Choosing the right course can shape more than just a semester. For Sarah Tauber, the Geopolitics of Trade and Sustainability class at WU offered exactly what she was looking for: real-world relevance, creative learning, and the freedom to think independently.

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Looking ahead: Important Dates

Pizza, Politics & (Motion) Picture

21.05.2026 - D4.3.106, 18:00

More information will be announced in due time.

Scientist's Joke

“How many ears does Captain Kirk have?”

“Three: a left ear, a right ear, and a final front ear.”

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hesitate to contact us at: ipe@wu.ac.at.
We will be happy to get in touch with you.

Best wishes,
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