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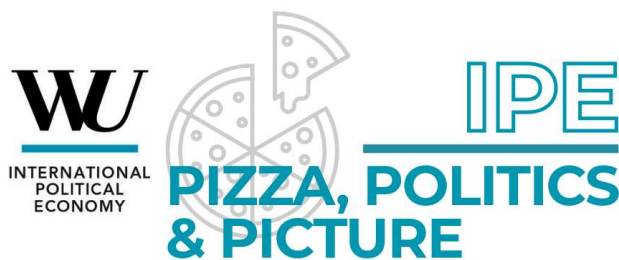
Welcome to the March 2026 edition of our monthly digest with the latest news from the Institute for International Political Economy.

This month, we feature insights from our most recent PPP event, spotlight new research on firms and economic statecraft, and a study on how survey dynamics shape views on gender and democracy. We welcome Fulbright Scholar Clint Peinhardt to the IPE, share fresh podcast episodes, and publish the latest course evaluations.

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!

Your IPE Team

Third Mission



PPP: The Imitation Game

By Sidan Raeskyesa

In October 2025, IPE hosted another Pizza, Politics, and (Motion) Picture evening featuring *The Imitation Game*. Students came together for a screening followed by a lively discussion on innovation, public policy, and the forces that drive technological breakthroughs.

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IPE@WU Research



Research Spotlight: Information, Finance, and Firm Strategy

By Jonas Bunte

How do firms adapt when parts of government support abroad temporarily weaken? New research by Jonas Bunte (WU Vienna) and Faisal Z. Ahmed (Wellesley College) shows that companies treat diplomatic information and export finance as a combined portfolio of state support. Using nearly three decades of deal-level data, the study sheds new light on how businesses navigate uncertainty and how diplomacy and finance work together in economic statecraft.

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New publication: How Interviewer Gender Shapes Responses on Women's Rights and Democracy

By Zack Zimbalist

In a new study covering 34 African countries, Zack Zimbalist examines how the gender of an interviewer can influence survey responses on women's rights and democratic attitudes. The findings suggest that respondents tend to express more gender-unequal views when interviewed by men, highlighting how interviewer effects can bias public opinion data and potentially underestimate support for gender equality.

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IPE@WU Team



Meet Our Team: Introducing Clint Peinhardt

By Jonas Bunte

We're excited to welcome Fulbright Scholar Clint Peinhardt to the IPE! An expert in international political economy, Clint brings deep insights into foreign direct investment, multinational corporations, and global trade, both through his research and his teaching.

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IPE@WU Podcast



New podcast episodes live!

One of the parts of our teaching philosophy is developing multiple explanations for variation in the world by identifying causal mechanisms. We encourage our students to apply this skill by creating podcasts exploring possible explanations for a given puzzle.

[Listen on our website](#)

IPE@WU Teaching



New evaluations of our courses are now online!

Evaluations for Empirical Research Methods II (Jonas Bunte & Zack Zimbalist) and Politics of Trade (Sidan Raeskyesa) are available on our website.

[Learn more](#)

Looking ahead: Important Dates

[IPE@WU Alumni Academic Forum](#)

Scientist's Joke

“Political economy is like plumbing.”

“Why?”

“Well, because it’s all about figuring out who’s getting screwed and where the leaks are.”

Thank you for subscribing to our newsletter and your interest in International Political Economy. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us at: ipe@wu.ac.at.

We will be happy to get in touch with you.

Best wishes,

IPE Team

