

Barcelona Workshop on Global Governance

Designing effective global governance organizations

CALL FOR PAPERS

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[ESADEgeo](#) (ESADE Business School's Center for Global Economy and Geopolitics) and [IBEI](#) (Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals) are organizing an international workshop to discuss the institutional design of the Global Governance.

Aims and Focus of the Workshop

The current financial crisis exemplifies the limits and the capacities of nation states to unilaterally solve economic problems. The deterioration of the environment and global warming also show that no country can solve environmental issues alone. The notion of sovereignty is being defied by the global challenges humankind is facing. In this context, international and transnational institutions become even more crucial to cope with problems that reach across country borders and affect the entire world.

However, at a time when global governance is most needed, there is simultaneously a sense of impossibility and incapacity of reaching international consensus and agreement (e.g. global financial regulation, Doha round trade negotiation, climate change agreements). Still, there are plenty of examples of international agreements, standards, institutions, and rules globally accepted and enforced.

The aim of the “Barcelona Workshop on Global Governance” is to provide a venue for the study of global institutions from an institutional and organization design perspective. While most research on international organizations has used global institutions as the platforms where states—the fundamental units—interact, this workshop will focus on international governmental organizations (IGOs) themselves as the building blocks of global governance. Research has been scarce on the institutional design and analysis of international organizations, compared to other aspects related to global governance.

Guiding Questions and Debates

The broad focus of the “Barcelona Workshop on Global Governance” will be on the range of institutional and organizational designs and mechanisms of international governmental organizations addressing global governance challenges.

In studying these governance structures and their intricacies, the workshop hopes to shed some light on **how international governance mechanisms can be at their most effective in solving global problems**. With this overarching aim in mind, the workshop will focus on the following questions:

- Which organizational and network forms do global institutions adopt in order to facilitate cooperation in solving global problems?
- What is the performance of global institutions? How can the performance of global institutions be measured?
- How are the leaders of global governance institutions chosen? What capacities do they have?
- How are these organizations structured? And how are they governed?

- How does the type of global public good being addressed affect the design of IGOs? What institutional arrangements best address the distinct global commons?
- How does membership affect the structure of IGOs? How are IGOs accountable to their principals?

Submission of Proposals

Abstract proposals should not exceed 500 words in length and should include further ideas for discussion. Preferred format for all submissions is PDF. Please send your proposal as attachment to info@bcnwg.net and insert “Submission: Barcelona Workshop on Global Governance” as the subject line of the message. The deadline for abstracts is **26 October 2012**. All proposals will undergo peer review and notifications of acceptance will be sent out by **16 November 2012**. Full papers are expected to be delivered by **7 January 2013** to be ready for circulation.

Format of the Workshop

The Workshop will last two days and take place in Barcelona. The first day will be held at IBEI and the second day at ESADE Business School. Attendance will be open to interested researchers, students and practitioners.

Confirmed keynote practitioner speeches include Narcís Serra (former Spanish Minister of Defense and Deputy Prime Minister) and Javier Solana (former NATO Secretary General and EU’s High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy). These contributions will provide an opportunity to bring together scholars and practitioners.

Limited financial support is available to selected participants. Detailed arrangements will be made upon acceptance. Detailed guidelines on the logistics of the conference will be provided at a later stage.

We would appreciate it if you could circulate this call for papers among your colleagues and other potentially interested parties.

For more information, please visit bcnwg.net or contact Xavier Fernández i Marín or Marie Vandriessche at info@bcnwg.net.

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