

NAVIGATING GEOECONOMIC TURBULENCES

FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CLEAVAGES OF A SEETHING GLOBAL ORDER

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The event aims at analysing various geoeconomic and financial dynamics that have emerged in recent years – especially, since the re-election of Donald Trump. Particular attention will be given to payment infrastructures, cryptocurrencies, trade agreements, tech regulation and sanctions.

Inputs for the discussion will be offered by the work carried out by the IAI-Intesa Sanpaolo Taskforce 2026, a research group composed by economists and political scientists who work in academia, financial institutions and think tanks.

PROGRAMME

11:00 – 11:05 **WELCOME REMARKS**

ETTORE GRECO

Executive Vicepresident, IAI

11:05 – 12:00 **FIRST SESSION: PAYMENT INFRASTRUCTURES - STABLECOINS**

LUCA FANTACCI

Professor of Economic History, La Statale University, Milan

ALICIA GARCÍA-HERRERO

Senior Fellow, Bruegel, Brussels

FRANCO PASSACANTANDO

Scientific Advisor, IAI

Q&A

12:00 – 12:55 **SECOND SESSION: TRADE AGREEMENTS - TECH RULES - SANCTIONS**

CINZIA ALCIDI

Senior Research Fellow and Head of the Economic Policy Unit, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels

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Head of Division Digitalisation and AI, Centres for European Policy Network (CEP), Helsinki

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Q&A

12:55 – 13:00 **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

MARCO SIMONI

Director, IAI

Discussion Moderated by

STEFANO FELTRI

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