

Inaugural Seminar

# Rethinking the governance of global value chains

UniTrento Online Seminar Series on “Governance,  
powers and liabilities in sustainable global value  
chains” (Sus-Gov)

Introduction:

**Fabrizio Cafaggi**

Speaker:

**Gary Gereffi**

Jennifer Bair will moderate the  
discussion

Scientific coordination:

Paola Iamiceli, Federico Pistelli



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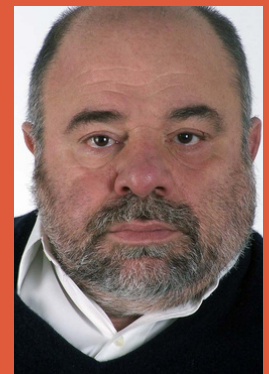
**Gary Gereffi** is one of the originators of the global value chains framework. He is Emeritus Professor of Sociology and Director of the Global Value Chains Center at Duke University. He has published over a dozen books and numerous articles on globalization, international trade, industrial upgrading, and social and economic development.



His recent studies focus on how new industrial policies proposed and implemented in the U.S., EU, and Asia are reshaping both the governance and configurations of GVCs, since these new policies alter the regulatory environment in key supply and demand markets.

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**Fabrizio Cafaggi** will introduce the seminar. He is a member of the Italian Council of State, co-founder of the European Law Institute and member of the American Law Institute. He is the co-coordinator of a Unidroit working group on collaborative contracts in agrifood supply chains. His recent studies deal with contracting in global chains, transnational private regulation and network contracts.



The orientating remarks from Gary Gereffi will be followed by an open discussion introduced and moderated by **Jennifer Bair**. She is Professor of Sociology of the University of Virginia. She has conducted extensive research on global value chains and uneven development, primarily in Latin America but more recently also in South Asia. She is the editor of *Frontiers of Commodity Chain Research* (Stanford University Press) and the former chair of the ASA's section on the Political Economy of the World System.

# Forthcoming Events

Winter/Spring 2024-2025

**November 2024** - Powers and liabilities in global supply chains

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**January 2025** - Financial relationships and chain governance: the role of private intermediaries and multilateral financing institutions

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**February 2025** - The transformations of global chains and sustainability. Comparing north/south and south/south global chains

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**April 2025** - Model contract clauses for the protection of human rights and sustainability in global value chains. Comparing the approaches

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**May 2025** - Human rights protection through transnational commercial contracts: opportunities and limitations

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**June 2025** - Digitalisation of global chains and governance through technologies

This online seminar series is one of the initiatives of the global expert group on "Governance, powers and liabilities in Sustainable global value chains" (Sus-Gov), coordinated by Fabrizio Cafaggi, Paola Iamiceli, Mae Nguyen, Kish Parella.

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