

## **The politics of the Sustainable Development Goals**

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The panel is open to papers focusing on the politics of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We understand politics both as the processes and institutions of collective decision-making at all levels and as broader societal power struggles. The SDGs merge traditional development issues—such as poverty reduction, health and education—with environmental concerns and address not only low- and middle-income countries but also high-income countries. Against this backdrop, the panel welcomes papers exploring how countries have approached the SDGs nationally and locally with a focus on issues related to legitimacy, responsibility and accountability. What conflicts arise as globally adopted goals make their way towards national level policy making and local governance processes? What institutional and other limits appear along the way? In what ways do the SDGs, and the broader Agenda 2030, affect stakeholder composition and power relations in the field of sustainable development? What role can we expect the UN High Level Political Forum to play? These and related questions will be at the heart of the panel. We welcome papers with theoretical as well as empirical contributions and the panel is open to all approaches highlighting the politics of development.