

CALL FOR PAPERS for a SPECIAL SECTION

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**Impacts of global changes
from a regional perspective**

The Journal of World Economy opens a call for papers for a special issue on “Impacts of global changes from a regional perspective”, which will be published in issue number 70 (2nd quarter of 2025).

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Structure of the special section and contact

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This special section will include up to 10-12 papers on “Impacts of global changes from a regional perspective”.

Authors are strongly encouraged to carefully read the background and reasons included in this call for papers before considering the submission. You may see at the [journal's website](#) more information on submission requirements at REM/JWE. You may also contact the editors at rem@uhu.es.

Background and rationale of the special section

The intensity of globalization has been argued to decrease, mainly due to episodes such as the Great Recession in 2008, the pandemic in 2020, and the Ukraine war, among others. It is essential to shed light on the profound impacts of these transformations and processes of global changes. And more importantly, whether it is of a temporal or structural nature, as well as the changes in economic policies to which it has given rise. These global changes processes are governed by technological change, Global Value Chains (henceforth, GVC), and sustainability issues, among others. In this context, international economic relations play a prominent role.

In relation to technological change, digital technologies trends include massive and overwhelming development, increasing adoption and usage of various forms of Artificial Intelligence (automation technology, henceforth, AI). Jobs, skills and labor markets are not digitally neutral, and show high exposure to AI solutions, both at national as international level. Researchers emphasize the channels of impact of AI on running business, which are associated with massive data flows, storage possibilities, machine learning techniques, and big-data solutions, dropping information asymmetries and making markets work in more effective and competitive way. Moreover, these great surges that AI may cause a creative destruction process, with jobs displacement, jobless future, job creation in ICT-related sectors, and a “promise” of competition and effectiveness driven combination of labor, tasks and robots.

The existence of GVC has entirely reshaped global trade patterns. As the degree of technological sophistication of products has increased substantially, global trade networks have emerged as a feasible alternative to specialize in specific parts or products from different stages in the production process. Evidence shows a proliferation of GVC, given that around two-thirds of global trade is in intermediate products. Although GVC has undoubtedly implied a reduction of production costs because of trade specialization, the exposure to global shocks has made countries and regions more prone to process of global change.

The world economy is facing a smooth transition to sustainable development. Due to global institutional arrangements, among which the Climate Summits or the Sustainable Development Goals proposed by the United Nations stand out, environmental stringency has been gradually increasing in the world economy. Technological change has been gaining attention in the context of reducing pollution because of its pivotal role to implement cleaner production techniques. Hence, growing environmental stringency is expected to constitute a challenge for countries, regions, and firms in relation to global change.

As one of the main consequences of these global changes, regionalization has emerged, giving rise to the concentration of economic relations in certain areas due to the unfeasibility of increasing the degree of openness of the world economy. At the same time, globalization has implied a substantial increase in inequality within countries, which has motivated a growing and renewed interest in analyzing the differences between countries and within them. There is a digital divide at the regional level due to asymmetries in the penetration of technological change and integration into the global markets. Similarly, the impact of climate change and the transition to a greener economy will be unevenly distributed across regions. These issues have given rise to incorporating a regional perspective and the emergence of disciplines such as the New Economic Geography.

This special section aims to provide deep insight into theoretical and empirical evidence on the union of both approaches by analyzing the impact of global changes in the world economy from a regional perspective. This special section will also allow for the dissemination of knowledge on the relationships between global changes and regionalization. It can critically impact on the growing body of literature covering a set of

clearly focused papers, which are usually fragmented. Additionally, its coverage can serve as a best-suited stimulus for not previously published works of cutting-edge research and analysis, in areas of crucial and growing importance. Special interest will be placed on manuscripts that propose analyses based on qualitative and quantitative methodologies, simultaneously integrating global and regional perspectives. Case studies circumscribed to specific areas will also be considered for publication.

Possible topics: (non-exhaustive list)

- International economic relations
- Global Value Chains and transnational companies
- Economic development
- Inequality
- Global and regional convergence processes
- Technological change
- Artificial Intelligence
- Digital transformation
- Digital skills development
- Automation
- Sustainability

Submissions

Papers can be written in English or Spanish, although REM/JWE recommends English since it can reach a greater audience. The full papers received will be subject to previous editorial scrutiny, pre-selection, and a strict peer-review process before acceptance. Therefore, an exhaustive knowledge of the specific published literature will be appreciated. Articles should be no more than **7,000 words**, inclusive of references, notes, and tables. Articles must include an abstract of 100 words and up to five keywords. Submissions should be sent directly through the REM/JWE [on-line handling platform](#).

Timeline

The deadline for the submission of full papers is **January 15th 2025**. The papers will be published in the special section of the **second issue of 2025** (nº 70, August 2025).