

ABSTRACT

This research paper investigates the impact of trade agreements and geopolitics on global value chains. The study explores how international trade agreements and shifting geopolitical relationships have affected the distribution of production linkages across countries and regions, and the implications of these changes for the global economy. The study also compares the impact of trade agreements and geopolitical factors on global value chains during different time periods, such as pre- and post-global financial crisis, and examines the variation in the effects across global north and global south countries. The analysis is based on a review of relevant literature and case studies, and considers the heterogeneity of effects across different time periods and economic status of participating countries. Importantly, the data used in this study is bilateral, providing a more detailed picture of the dynamics of global value chains. Overall, the findings of this study provide a nuanced understanding of the complex and evolving nature of global value chains, and offer important insights for firms, industries, and policymakers seeking to navigate the changing global economic landscape.

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