

Regulatory governance under stress in de-liberalizing times
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Independent regulatory authorities, non-majoritarian institutions and agencies formed the hallmark of the spread and diffusion of regulatory capitalism. Yet several factors and dynamics pose significant pressure on the regulatory state and regulatory governance: (i) a popular backlash against the regulatory capitalist model and the regulatory state; (ii) market-shaping policies toward de-carbonization challenging the 'market-fixing' logic of the regulatory capitalist model; (iii) privatization within the welfare state exposing the missing or malfunctioning parts of the regulatory state and regulatory capitalism during the Covid-19 pandemic; (iv) global energy and food crises triggered by the war in Ukraine.

Given these various drivers of de-liberalization on regulatory governance, the Workshop problematizes *what the regulatory state has become* and *how it is responding to de-liberalization*. We are interested in answering the following (non-exhaustive list of) main puzzles: (1) the extent of stress on regulatory governance due to de-liberalization trends; (2) the different forms of de-liberalization and their effect on institutional design and functioning of (networks of) regulatory authorities; (3) the impact on the institutions of regulatory capitalism (i.e., independent regulatory authorities); (4) the impact of de-liberalization regarding the doctrines of regulatory governance (i.e., credible commitment) such as through politicization of regulation with increased government intervention; (5) the potential changes in regulatory agencies' policies under stress and their directions (e.g., accumulation, dismantling); (6) the trajectories of regulatory regimes (i.e., constellations of actors, policy ideas, and institutional arrangements), how regimes are responding to the stressors, and the transformations in regulatory regimes.

We invite papers to understand the nature and dynamics of the above-mentioned stressors, their impact and implications for the regulatory state; and empirically, expand the geographical exploration of whether, how and with what consequences the regulatory state and regulatory capitalist model are evolving in different parts of the world. Furthermore, we welcome papers that apply qualitative and quantitative methods, new empirical data and/or conceptual/theoretical developments.

Please send your abstract (max. 300 words) to m.keremcoban@u.nus.edu

Deadline: 29 May 2023 (we will notify the paper givers by 12 June 2023)

Note: The SOG network will cover accommodation (up to two nights) and all meals; transportation costs are paid by the participants.