

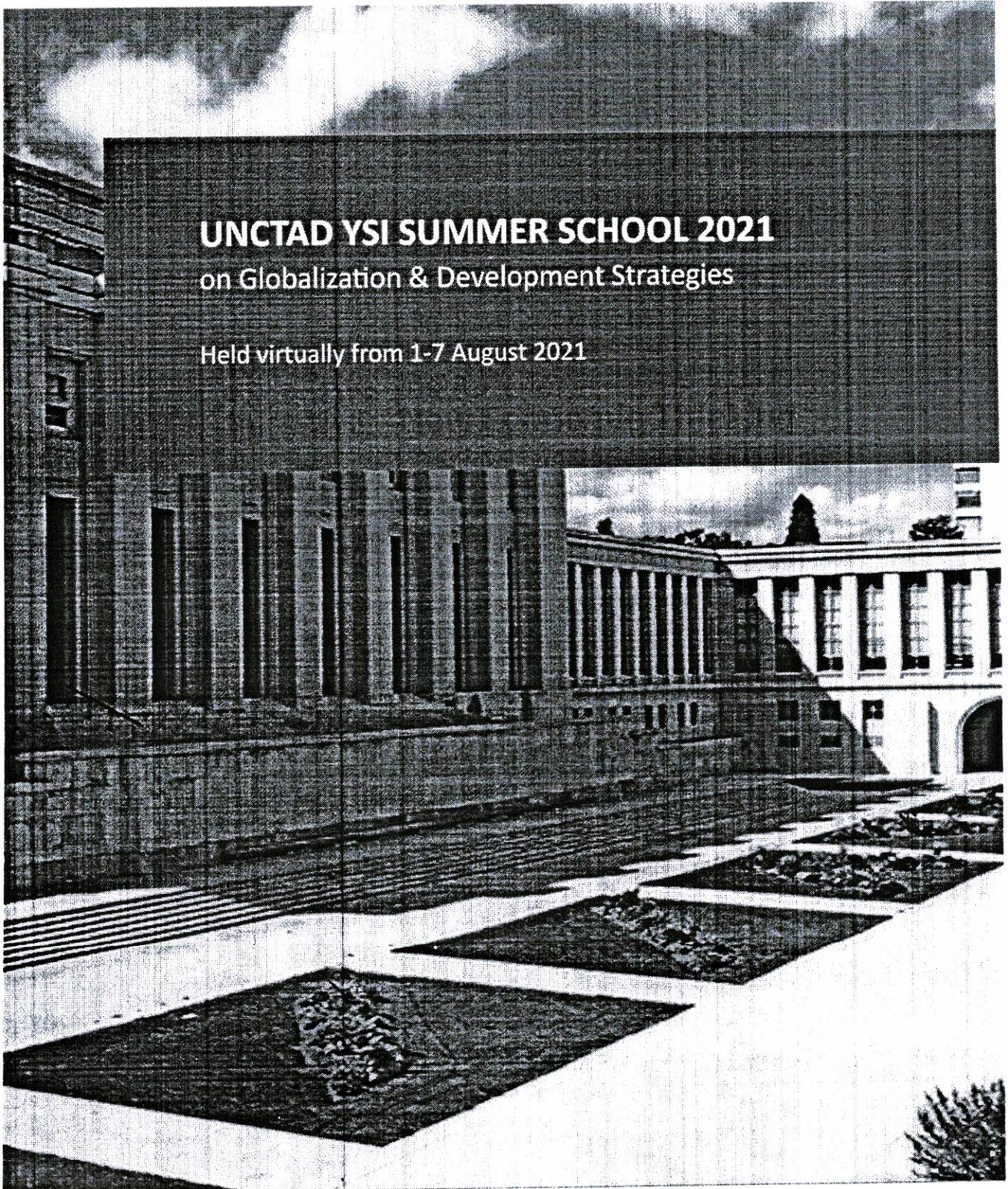


**Young  
Scholars  
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**New Economic Thinking**

## **UNCTAD YSI SUMMER SCHOOL 2021**

on Globalization & Development Strategies

Held virtually from 1-7 August 2021





## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

4<sup>th</sup> UNCTAD YSI SUMMER SCHOOL 2021

# Still Swimming Against the Tide? *40 Years of Thinking on Trade & Development*

Organized by

Division of Globalization & Development Strategies (UNCTAD)  
Young Scholars Initiative of the Institute for New Economic Thinking (YSI)

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The 4th UNCTAD YSI Summer School celebrates the approach and legacy of UNCTAD's annual Trade and Development Report (TDR). The school will bring together UNCTAD experts, academics, diplomats, and young scholars from across the globe for lively and stimulating intellectual debates.

In the mid twentieth century, the economic thinking that dominated international debates failed to address the needs of the global south. An institution was needed to provide pathways to balanced growth and development and UNCTAD has worked to fill that void since its founding in 1964.

With the rise of the neoliberal order in the 1980s, UNCTAD's reports focused on providing alternative ideas, standing up against the global motto that "there is no alternative." For years, the institution's annual publications swam against the stream.

Now, there is an opening to reconsider some long-held beliefs: The world seeks to "build back better" and address the looming issues ahead. But a powerful reminder remains necessary to ensure that the efforts lead to prosperity for all, not just the few. That is the relevance of UNCTAD's approach to trade, finance and development today.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of UNCTAD's first TDR and we are thrilled to invite you to reflect on the challenges faced, the progress made, and the road ahead.

### **Mentorship Program: Apply by 15 July 2021**

Participants have the opportunity to apply for a one-time 1:1 mentorship call with one of the speakers. [Click Here to Apply](#)



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### Program of Events

**Note:** Times are listed in CEST, [click here](#) to convert to your time zone  
Consecutive presentations will have 5 minute breaks in between

#### Sunday, 1 August

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2:30PM | **Meet & Greet** | [Register here](#)

A lighthearted session to see fellow participants of the school and learn more about the Young Scholars Initiative.

#### Monday, 2 August

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**Welcome & Keynote** | [Register here](#)

2:00PM | Welcome Address & Presentation of the School  
Richard Kozul-Wright (UNCTAD GDS)

2:05PM | Keynote: "Swimming Against the Neoliberal Tide!"  
Yilmaz Akyüz (Former chief economist UNCTAD)

**The International Economic Order: Old & New** | [Register here](#)

*Panel Discussion*

Moderated by Richard Kozul-Wright

*Topics*

Forgetting Development: The Origins & Practice of the Bretton Woods Era

American Foreign Policy & The New International Economic Order

What COVID-19 reveals about twenty-first century capitalism: Adversity and opportunity

*10 min break*



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4:25 PM | Follow-up Discussion with YSI | [Register here](#)

### Tuesday, 3 August

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**The UNCTAD Approach to Trade & Development** | [Register here](#)  
*Development Lessons: Failures & Successes*

2:30PM | From ISI to Premature Deindustrialization

3:00PM | The Developmental State: Lesson Learnt

3:30PM | Global Inequality: Beyond the Rhetoric of the “Left Behind”

*15 min break*

4:15PM | Follow-up Discussion with YSI | [Register here](#)

### Wednesday, 4 August

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**The UNCTAD Approach to Trade & Development** | [Register here](#)  
*Trade*

2:30PM | The North-South Paradigm Revisited

3:00PM | How Trade is Changing

3:30PM | Trade & The Climate Challenge

*15 min break*

4:15PM | Follow-up Discussion with YSI | [Register here](#)



## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Thursday, 5 August

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**The UNCTAD Approach to Trade & Development** | [Register here](#)  
*Finance*

2:30PM | Debt & Distorted Development: A New Lost Decade?

3:00PM | Four Decades of Financial Liberalization: A Developmental Perspective

3:30PM | A Minskyian Perspective on the Development Challenge

*15 min break*

4:15PM | Follow-up Discussion with YSI | [Register here](#)

Friday, 6 August

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**The UNCTAD Approach to Trade & Development** | [Register here](#)  
*Interdependence & Policy Space*

2:30PM | Intellectual Property Rights, Money, & The Infrastructure of Power

3:00PM | Breaking the Wall Street Consensus

3:30PM | The Case for a New Bretton Woods

*15 min break*

4:15PM | Follow-up discussion with YSI | [Register here](#)



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Saturday, 7 August

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2:30PM | **Rethinking Development: Towards a Post Hegemonic World** | [Register here](#)

3:30PM | **Closing Remarks**

*15 min break*

4:15PM | **How to Stay Involved**

This is not the end! Join one of the YSI working groups, and continue exploring ideas with them moving forward.





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### About the Organizers

#### UNCTAD

UNCTAD is a permanent intergovernmental body established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1964. The organization is governed by its 194 member States and is the United Nations body responsible for dealing with economic and sustainable development issues with a focus on trade, finance, investment and technology. It helps developing countries to participate equitably in the global economy. UNCTAD carries out economic research, produces innovative analyses and makes policy recommendations to support government decision-making.

#### Division on Globalization & Development Strategies at UNCTAD

The Division promotes policies at the national, regional and international level that are conducive to stable economic growth and sustainable development. It regularly examines the trends and prospects in the world economy, undertakes studies on the requirements for successful development strategies and on the debt problems of developing countries. It also provides technical support to developing countries in their efforts to integrate into the international financial system and to manage their external debt.

#### Young Scholars Initiative

YSI is a community of 16000+ students, young professionals, and researchers from across the globe pursuing new and critical ways of thinking about the economy. You are invited to [become a member](#) and join any of 21 working groups on topics such as sustainability, gender, inequality, development, financial stability, and more. Membership enables you to participate in community-organized webinars, workshops and conferences all over the world. Join and connect with like-minded peers and experts in your field of study!

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#### FAQs



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### **Can I still apply for the mentorship program?**

The deadline to apply for the mentorship program is July 15<sup>th</sup>. Please submit a motivational statement via [this form](#) to be considered. Applicants will be notified by the end of July.

### **Will the slides be available?**

Yes! Provided the speaker agrees to circulate their slides, the school will provide them.

### **Where can I view the recordings?**

All recordings will be posted to the [YouTube Channel of the Young Scholars Initiative](#), shortly following the school.

### **Can I get a certificate of participation?**

Yes! To receive certification that you have attended the school, you will need to attend at least 4 full days of programming (including follow up discussions) as well as the opening and keynote addresses.

### **Is there a way to get more involved after the school is over?**

Yes! You are invited to continue your exploration of these themes in the global community of the Young Scholars Initiative. Feel free to [become a member](#) if you're not already, join any of 21 working groups, and get in touch with the group to organize something that would interest you!

