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Abstract:

Cities around the world are connected through vast spatial networks, shaped by the complex contours of the global economy. Various theoretical perspectives look to build 'global' theory toward a holistic understanding of the spatial dimensions of the world economy. Drawing upon a relational approach shared by global production networks (GPN) and world city networks (WCN) approaches, this presentation outlines how multiple globalizations unfold through inter-urban economic networks. Using data from all firms listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX), social network analysis (SNA) is applied to explain how divergent industries create multiple global networks. 'Multiple globalizations' is explained as a theoretical framework to understand how overlapping economic networks explain nuanced global economic geographies.

Speaker Bio:

Dr Thomas Sigler is a Lecturer in Human Geography in the School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management at The University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. He holds a Ph.D. and an M.S. in Geography from Pennsylvania State University, and a B.A. in Geography and International Relations from the University of Southern California. Over the past decade, he has worked in several different contexts including the US, Australia, Panama, Honduras, and the Congo. Dr Sigler's research focusses on understanding the interface between globalisation and urbanisation, primarily as an outcome of inter-urban networks that are formed through historical, economic, political, and cultural networks.

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