

## IPE/GPE and method

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IPE/GPE occupies contested disciplinary territory positioned between two other fields: International Relations and Economics while simultaneously founded in the UK on the notion of eclectic method and an intellectual open range. In practice this has meant IPE/GPE ignoring the frontiers of innovative methodologies, remaining firmly wedded to theoretical rigour over exploratory openness and instead all too often devolving into a 'soft' economic discourse analysis as method.

However, in recent years, several methodological developments have emerged in cognate fields reflecting advances in analytical approach, data availability, computational techniques, and an increasing recognition of the power of meaningful interdisciplinary approaches. These methodological developments elsewhere reflect the interdisciplinary nature of research and the increasing complexity of international and global political and economic systems. This roundtable asks how we might engage with these developments so that IPE/GPE has the potential to further innovate not just these methods but to advance the very study of the global political economy in novel directions.

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