

Econ Club – Globalisation – Sir Vince Cable

Questions for Further Discussion/Debate

1. How do global supply chains complicate the economic relationship between countries, particularly during global crises?
2. How can countries structure their economic policies to attract FDI while also protecting their economic sovereignty?
3. What are the implications of regional economic integrations, like the EU or NAFTA, on global economic dynamics?
4. How does economic integration affect national policies on trade, labour, and capital mobility?
5. How do the monetary policies of major economies affect global financial stability?
6. What role do international financial institutions play in shaping the economic policies of individual countries?
7. How has globalization impacted the bargaining power of labour versus capital?
8. How should governments adjust their fiscal policies to account for the economic consequences of globalization?
9. How can global economic policy be reformed to more fairly address the needs of developing countries?

Source Based Questions

The questions below are all linked to the sources above them. Read through the sources prior to answering the questions.

[Regionalization vs Globalisation: What is the future direction of trade?](#) – World Economic Forum

1. In light of the COVID-19 crisis and its impact on globalization, how do you assess the resilience of international supply chains, and what economic policies could strengthen them against such shocks?
2. How do the increasing number of trade agreements, which often span different geographic regions, reconcile with the stable average geographic distance of free trade agreement partners? What economic concepts explain this stability amidst growth in agreements?

General Questions

- Analyse the trade-offs between deeper economic integration through globalization and the preservation of national sovereignty, particularly in the context of monetary and fiscal policy decisions.
- Evaluate the impact of globalization on the stability of global financial markets, using economic concepts like capital mobility, and financial contagion.
- When should governments intervene in trade to protect strategic industries. Consider the potential long-term benefits and costs of such interventions.
- Analyse how globalization has affected environmental sustainability, using the concept of the 'tragedy of the commons' to evaluate the challenges of coordinating international environmental policies.
- Evaluate the role of technology transfer in globalization, considering both the economic benefits of diffusion of innovation and the potential for increased dependency of developing countries on developed ones.
- Discuss the application of just-in-time production and its reliance on global supply chains. What are the economic risks and benefits of this system in the context of globalization?
- Analyse the economic implications of regional trade agreements on global trade patterns. How do such agreements affect multilateral trade negotiations and the global trading system as established by the World Trade Organization?

- Discuss how globalization affects a country's ability to conduct independent monetary policy. Evaluate the implications of this for countries with different levels of economic development and currency stability.

Further Reading

- [How Our Interconnected World is Changing](#) – McKinsey
- (Audio) – [Why Globalization is Shifting in Favour of India, Not China](#) – Brookings
- [Is Globalization in Retreat? Here is what a new study shows](#) – World Bank