Ever since the global financial crisis, social and political implications of finance have been widely discussed, both in public discourse and academia. Re-regulation of the financial industry, growing inequality, and the sovereign debt crisis, especially in Europe, are high on the political agenda – and point to the need to come to a more encompassing understanding of the dynamics of global finance. Financial products, actors and organizations straddle national borders and affect political, social, legal and cultural rules and practices. The purpose of this workshop is to understand the complexities of global finance and to discuss the merit of interdisciplinary approaches to studying finance. This seems particularly pressing, as the multitude of recent empirical studies on the financial crisis has not yet been matched by conceptual reflections. This concerns, for example, the interrelatedness of neighboring fields of study, overarching empirical research as well as systematizations of cross-cutting theoretical explanations.

The Young Scholars’ Workshop seeks to take stock of the diversity in global finance in two ways: First, we want to bring together junior scholars, PhD students as well as Post-docs, and Junior Professors, with an interest in interdisciplinary exchange, that are conducting empirical research on all aspects of global finance. Second, we seek to identify common themes (empirical and methodological) as well as promising theoretical approaches across disciplines to come to a more encompassing understanding of global finance as a social and political phenomenon.

The workshop is open for interested scholars from a variety of fields, such as sociology, political science, organization studies, law, history, geography, anthropology, business and economics that share an interest in working beyond disciplinary boundaries. Papers can be interdisciplinary in nature or openly address questions of disciplinary collaboration.

In order to enable multidisciplinary work and the exchange of ideas, observations, and arguments, the workshop is interested in contributions addressing the cross-border dynamics of finance. Therefore, we are seeking contributions concerned with, but not limited to:
- Emergent interests/actor groups and new patterns of interaction
- Changing power relations in finance and new modes of authority
- Institutionalization of markets and processes of (re-)regulation, commodification, and financialization
- Finance in the Global South
- Markets and alternatives of market-based economic coordination
- Practices in global finance and the capacity of deviant behavior
- Sustainable finance and unethical behavior
- Multi-level relations and global-local interactions

Methodological Issues:
- (Dis-)Advantages of case studies in finance
- Field access and specificities of data collection
- Data analysis: is global finance unique – and, if so, why?

The format of the workshop consists of presenting and discussing roughly 30 papers of younger scholars over three days. Each paper will be introduced by a discussant to which the author reacts. Additionally, senior scholars will give presentations to discuss distinct theoretical and methodological backgrounds.

Paper proposals should be about 300 words long and be submitted by May 20th 2016 to: berit@uni-bremen.de. Proposals should clearly indicate the research question and methodological orientation of the paper. In addition, a short biography should be supplied.

A participation fee of 30 euros is required.

Timeline:
Application deadline: 20.05.2016
Notification of acceptance: 10.06.2015
Papers due: 31.08.2016