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This video discusses the negative economic impacts of geopolitical tensions, including disruptions to trade, misallocation of resources, and increased uncertainty that impedes investment and growth. It defines geopolitical risk as the realization and escalation of adverse events like wars and terrorism, with perceptions of this risk varying based on individual and local contexts.

The authors highlight that geopolitical risk is measured differently across countries, using methods such as analyzing newspaper coverage of conflicts. They found that local perceptions, particularly in Russia, are significantly influenced by local media, which prioritize regional conflicts over global issues that may be covered more broadly in Western media. This video affects investment and economic responses differently.

The study demonstrates that geopolitical risk shocks have a more profound economic impact when measured using localized indicators than broader global indices. It also finds that sanctions amplify the economic effects of geopolitical risks, especially concerning inflation and interest rates in affected countries. Ultimately, the study emphasizes the importance of understanding how perceptions of geopolitical risk vary and influence economic behavior, advocating for more nuanced measures that account for different types of geopolitical risks.