



Project

Academic Run Up to the MC11

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The Project

The Project was elaborated and implemented by the WTO Chair at Buenos Aires with the financial support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

With a view towards the WTO Ministerial Conference hold in Buenos Aires in December 2017, the WTO Chair proposed in March 2017 to organize at least two meetings gathering trade academics from the region. The main idea was to generate a space of exchange of ideas and debate on occasion of the MC11. The final objective, to produce a piece containing short reflections of Latin American trade scholars around the present and future of trade.

As a result of this project, the piece “Ni si ni no ni blanco ni negro. Reflexiones Latinoamericanas en torno a la Conferencia Ministerial de la OMC” was produced and published.

Dynamics

The project organized two meetings in Buenos Aires: on October and November 2017.

Each meeting had a public and a closed session. At the open part of the meeting, we had speakers. For instance, at the first meeting we had Ricardo Carciofi and Felix Peña and at the second meeting we had Eduardo Tempone. While Ricardo Carciofi made a presentation focusing on trade aspects such as Latin American main exports, imports, destinations, among other issues, Felix Peña tackled down negotiation strategies, M11 dynamics and Latin American stakes at the M11. Eduardo Tempone, at the second meeting, focused on the Ministerial: participants, ideas and interests.

After the open session, at the first meeting, the group discussed the intended publication profile: what issues to include, how long the articles should be, deadlines, etc. At the second meeting in November, each one presented its five pages pieces and discussed how to sorter and make then dialogue.

During the last week of November and first week of December we fine-tuned articles, articulated in one publication, designed it and published it.

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