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Programme

Trade and the Quest for Accountability: Perspectives and Challenges

This forum will take a look at policies and regulations that affect supply chain management, such as due diligence rules, trade-related climate instruments, national security concerns and other non-trade objectives

6-7 September 2024

Eventfabrik, Bern, Switzerland

Day 1 - Friday, September 6

- 8:45-9:15 Welcome coffee & badge pick up
Auditorium
- 9:15-9:30 Welcome & opening remarks
Auditorium
Virginia Richter, Rector of the University of Bern
Organizers
- 9:30-11:00 Plenary I: What happened to re- and friendshoring?**
Auditorium
[Register on Zoom here](#)
- Chair Bernard Hoekman, European University Institute (EUI)
Panelists Stefan Brupbacher, Swissmem
Helena Schweiger, EBRD
Marion Jansen, OECD
Alessandro Nicita, UNCTAD
Cristián Rodríguez-Chiffelle, Boston Consulting Group
- 11:00-11:30 Break
- 11:30-13:00 Parallel 1: Trade and Democracy**
Seminar room
[Register on Zoom here](#)
- Chair Manfred Elsig, WTI
Panelists Marine Roux, WTI
Noah Wheatley, WTI
Roberto Echandi, World Bank Group
Gabriele Spilker, University of Konstanz
Victor do Prado, Brazilian Center for International Relations
- 11:30-13:00 Parallel 2: Industrial Policy in an Era of Climate Change and Geopolitical Tensions**
Auditorium
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- Chair Clara Brandi, IDOS/University of Bonn
Panelists Fernando Martín, Global Trade Alert
William Connell, Directorate General GROW



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Adam Jakubik, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Ilaria Espa, USI & WTI

13:00-14:00 Lunch break
Outside the seminar room (1.OG)

14:00-15:30 Plenary II: The EU's new trade accountability unilateralism (due diligence, CBAM and deforestation)

Auditorium

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Chair

Iana Dreyer, Borderlex

Panelists

Ignacio Garcia Bercero, former DG Trade

Isabelle Van Damme, WTI

David Kleimann, ODI

Quynh Nguyen, Wyss Academy

Tetsuya Watanabe, ERIA

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Parallel 3: Empirical Analysis and Practical Applications of Investment Agreements?

Seminar room

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Chair

Rodrigo Polanco, WTI

Panelists

Tuuli-Anna Saaria Huikuri, University of Zurich

Wolfgang Alschner, University of Ottawa

Agustin Riscos Nunez, University of Sevilla

Mounia Mansouri, Boston Consulting Group

16:00-17:30 Parallel 4: GVCs and corporate accountability

Auditorium

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Chair

Longyue Zhao, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies

Panelists

Minako Morita-Jaeger, Sussex University, UKTPO and CITP

Joseph Francois, WTI

Bernard Hoekman, EUI and Douglas Nelson, Tulane University

Fiona Smith, Sussex University, UKTPO and CITP

17:30-18:30 PhD poster presentations with networking aperitif

Auditorium



Alexandra Bögner, University of Salzburg
David Baumann, WTI
Ilaria Colombo, Bocconi University
Jimena Solar, Centre for Development and Environment, UniBe
Maarja Saluste, Law Department, EUI
Robin Argueyrolles, University of Basel
Wafaa Saadeh, WTI
Yinuo Liu, WTI



Day 2 - Saturday, September 7

- 9:00-9:30 Registration
Auditorium
- 9:30-11:00 Parallel 5: Navigating the Green Tide: The Impact of Environmental Regulations on Developing Nations**
Auditorium
[Register on Zoom here](#)
- Chairs Maryla Maliszewska, World Bank Group
Roberto Echandi, World Bank Group
Sebastien Dessus, World Bank Group
- Panelists Ilaria Espa, USI & WTI
Intan Murnira Ramli, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia
- 9:30-11:00 Parallel 6: State of play in WTO DS**
Seminar room
[Register on Zoom here](#)
- Chair Werner Zdouc, WTI and Global Impact Association
- Panelists Chang-Fa Lo, Permanent Mission of Chinese Taipei to the WTO
Marco Molina
Cherise Valles, Advisory Centre on WTO Law
Gabrielle Marceau, University of Geneva
Aparna Ray, Permanent Mission of India to the WTO
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee break
Seminar room
Poster presentation B-Ready project of the World Bank Group by Varun Eknath
- 11:30-13:00 Plenary III: Managing Trade Cooperation in Turbulent Times**
Auditorium
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- Chair Michael Hahn, WTI
- Panelists Victor do Prado, Brazilian Center for International Relations
Anabel González, Inter-American Development Bank
Markus Schlagenhof, EFTA
Clara Brandi, IDOS
Sean Doherty, World Economic Forum



Zambry Abdul Kadir, Minister of Higher Education Malaysia

13:00-14:00

Lunch break
Outside the seminar room (1.OG)

14:00-15:30

Parallel 7: Energy, Trade, and International Sustainable Development
Seminar room

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Chair

Octavio Fernández-Amador, WTI

Panelists

Hugo Rojas-Romagosa, IMF

Sneha Thube, IMF (online)

Abrell Jan, University of Basel

14:00-15:30

Parallel 8: The regulation of the data-driven economy: From FTAs to DEAs
Auditorium

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Chair

Panos Delimatsis, Tilburg University

Panelists

Mira Burri, University of Lucerne

Maria Vasquez Callo-Müller, University of Lucerne

Kholofelo Kugler, University of Lucerne

Neha Mishra, Geneva Graduate Institute

15:30-16:00

Break

16:00-17:30

Special Plenary IV for the 25th anniversary of the World Trade Institute
Auditorium

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Chair

Pierre Sauvé, World Bank Group

Panelists

Thomas Cottier, founder, and former Managing Director of the WTI

Kholofelo Kugler, Uni Lucerne and ACWL

Peter Van den Bossche, WTI

Ilaria Espa, USI & WTI

Simon Evenett, IMD

Sufian Jusoh, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Bajaj Pallavi, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India

17:30-18:30

Networking Aperitif
Auditorium

19:15

Dinner (by invitation)



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