

Curriculum Vitae Christian Häberli

Summary

Senior Research Fellow at WTI/NCCR (Bern University), lecturer and consultant. Graduation in 1977 with a Ph.D. on the subject of African Investment Law. Additional academic degrees in Development Sciences in Geneva (1975) and in Theology in Bern (2009). Professional career with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and with the Swiss Government, involving assignments in Madagascar, Thailand, Nepal, and Switzerland. Trade negotiator for Switzerland in the GATT and the WTO during the Uruguay and the Doha Rounds (1986 to 2007). Chair of the WTO Committee on Agriculture (Regular Session). Panellist in fifteen dispute settlement panels, namely *EC – Bananas III*, *Japan – Apples*, *EC – Biotech (GMO)*, *China – Trading Rights* and *United States – Country of Origin Labelling (COOL)*.

Biodata

Date of Birth October 11, 1951
Place of Birth Zurich (Switzerland)
Nationality Swiss

Education

1964-70 Literargymnasium Zürichberg (Maturität A)
1970-73 University of Geneva, Faculty of Law (licence en droit); special emphasis on international economic and social (humanitarian) law
1973-75 Institut Universitaire d'Etudes du Développement, Geneva (Certificat d'Etudes); special emphasis on development economics and analytical (economic) instruments as well as anthropology and sociology
1974-77 University of Basel, Faculty of Law (Lizenziat + Ph.D.); special theme: development law and economic instruments
2007-09 University of Bern, Faculty of Theology (Minor Bachelor)

Professional Experience

2007 to present **Swiss National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR Trade Regulation)**, Senior Research Fellow, World Trade Institute, University of Bern (Switzerland). Research, lecturing, consulting and publications on the nexus between development, trade and agriculture. Special focus on food security from a trade and investment perspective. (<http://www.nccr-trade.org/people/haeberli/>)
1986 – 2007 **Department of Economy (Swiss Government)**
(1998–2007) Federal Office for Agriculture; Head of International Affairs (EU, WTO, OECD, *Codex alimentarius*, Int. Grains Council, others; Sales and Quality Promotion including organic agriculture and geographical indications; Import/Export Regulation). 30+ staff.
(1993-98) Federal Office for Foreign Economic Affairs, Department of Economy (today: SECO/Swiss Government); Deputy Head, World Trade-WTO Division (General assignments: WTO Accession/Implementation of WTO commitments; Trade Policy

Reviews. Special fields of competence: agriculture, market access for goods, investments, free trade agreements). 10+ staff.

(1986-93) Federal Office for Foreign Economic Affairs; Commodity Desk Officer and (from 1988) Head of Trade Section (in charge of UNCTAD, UNIDO, Commodity agreements and general development, environment and trade policy matters, UNCED Chief Backstopping Officer. 5+ staff.

- 1982 - 86 **Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)**, Enterprise and Export Promotion Expert in an Integrated Development Project in Nepal. Work in a 20+ team.
- 1980 - 82 **International Labour Organisation (ILO)**, Programme Officer (Small Enterprises and Technology Section) at the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand.
- 1978 - 80 **International Labour Organisation (ILO)**, Associate Expert at the Regional Office for Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Comoros and La Réunion in Antananarivo, Madagascar.
- 1977 - 78 **Swissair**, Geneva, Air Transport Employee.

Teaching and Consulting Assignments on Specific Topics

- Agricultural Negotiations in the WTO (Ministry of Agriculture, Antananarivo, Madagascar, 2001)
- Agrarpolitik und Ethik, Zürich University (2002)
- Las negociaciones sobre la agricultura a la OMC (Ministerio del Comercio Exterior, La Habana, Cuba, 2003)
- Trade, Dispute Settlement, Agriculture (WTI MILE Programme and Summer Academy, 2005 to present)
- Preparing, Drafting and Negotiating Free Trade Agreements, Attorney-General's Chamber of Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur, May and July 2008)
- Food Crisis, Master of Advanced Studies in International Organisations (MASIO Programme) in Zurich University (September 2008)
- Trade and Development + Dispute Settlement, Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa (Arusha, Tanzania, various courses since 2009 until today to students from LDCs and other low-income developing countries)
- Agriculture Policy as an Accession Issue (training course for a delegation from Bhutan, April 2009, and in a Seminar in Belgrade, Serbia, November 2010)
- Import Licensing as an Accession Issue (for a delegation from Laos, June 2010)
- Agriculture Policy Space for Least-Development Countries as WTO Members (for a delegation from Nepal, October 2010)
- WTO Trade Negotiations for Geneva-based delegations of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (September 2010 to March 2011)
- Lectures on agricultural trade, food security and climate change in various universities (Bern, October 2010; Buenos Aires, May 2011; Lima, November 2011) and for visiting delegations at the WTI (China, June 2009 and September 2011; Vietnam, December 2009)
- Lecture on International Trade Regulation at Bern University (Fall 2011)

Executive Positions at the International Level

- Swiss Representative to the International Tropical Timber Organisation (1987–93)
- Executive Director for Switzerland, Austria, Portugal and Turkey to the Common Fund for Commodities (1991–93)

- Head of Delegation in the following OECD Bodies: Committee on Agriculture (1998–2007); earlier on: Working Party of the Trade Committee, High Level Group on Commodities
- Chairman (every other year), Joint Committee of the Agriculture Agreement Switzerland–EC (2002 to 2007)
- Head of the Swiss Delegation to various GATT and WTO Negotiation and Standing Committees (Agriculture, SPS, TBT, Market Access, Regionalism, Investment, PSI, Trade Facilitation)
- Chairman, WTO Committee on Agriculture (2005-07)
- WTO Panel Member and/or Chairperson:
 - o *EC - Bananas* (1996-2000; 2007-2008)
 - o *Japan - Apples* (2002-03)
 - o *EC - Biotech/GMO* (2004-07)
 - o *China - Trading Rights* (2007-09)
 - o *United States – Country of Origin Labeling* (2010-12)
- Director of the Swiss – UN Association (1986-2009)

Publications

- Les investissements étrangers en Afrique, Librairie Générale de Droit et de Jurisprudence, Paris/Nouvelles Editions Africaines, Dakar, 1978
- Rechts- und Wirtschaftsfragen im Bau, *in* Fritz Scheidegger (ed): Aus der Geschichte der Bautechnik, Band 1 (Grundlagen), Birkhäuser Verlag Basel/Boston/Berlin, 1990 pp.11-22
- Das GATT und die Entwicklungsländer, *in* Thomas Cottier (ed.), GATT-Uruguay Round, Institut für Europa- und Wirtschaftsvölkerrecht, Bern, 1995
- The WTO Dispute Settlement Procedure: Implications for Agricultural Trade Arising from the Bananas Case, *in* Sanoussi Bilal and Pavlos Pezaros (eds): Negotiating the Future of Agricultural Policies: Agricultural Trade and the Millennium WTO Round, 2000 Kluwer Law International, pp.211-223
- Harziger Verlauf der WTO–Agrarverhandlung, Aus dem Tagebuch eines Schweizer Unterhändlers (Beitrag an die SVAI Impuls – Ausgabe 10/2000 zum Dossier WTO)
- Das Abkommen über den Handel mit landwirtschaftlichen Erzeugnissen : eine politische und wirtschaftliche Würdigung (mit Patrick Aebi, Manfred Boetsch, Olivier Félix, Urs Markstein, Christine Pohl, Frédéric Rothen, Pierre Schauenberg und Marc Zuber). *In* Daniel Felder und Christine Kaddous (Hsg), Accords bilatéraux Suisse – UE, Basel, pp. 577-619 (2001)
- La Suisse dans les nouvelles négociations agricoles de l'OMC, *in* Annuaire Suisse Tiers-Monde, Genève, 2002 (Originaltext in deutscher Sprache)
- Reconciling Trade, Development and Non-Trade Concerns, *in* ICTSD/Bridges, June 2003
- Das bilaterale Agrarabkommen Schweiz – EU, *in* IDHEAP Europaseminare (2004)
- The July 2004 Agricultural Framework Agreement in Agriculture, *in* WTO Law, ed. by Bernard O'Connor, 2005, Cameron May, London, pp.401-416
- How to Conclude the DDA (2007), *in* EuroChoices, Issue 6.2, Blackwell Publishing, London, 2007
- Globalisierung, Liberalisierung - Auswirkungen auf die Schweizer Agrarpolitik (2007). Beitrag an die Festschrift „125 Jahre BLW“ pp.99-101
- Access to Environmental Justice: A Report on the State of the Art (Book Review in Volume 18 of the Yearbook of International Environmental Law (2007), published December 2008), pp.787-793
- Market Access in Switzerland and in the European Union for Agricultural Products from Least Developed Countries (2008). NCCR Trade Regulation Working Paper 2008/5.

- The possible effects of Swiss agricultural policy on developing trading partners (2008). Sustainability Impact Assessment Study for the Swiss Development Cooperation Agency, with Baris Karapinar, Philipp Aerni, Monika Meister and Susan Newman
- EPAs: From an Ugly Duckling to a Beautiful Swan? *In* Emily Jones and Darlan F. Marti (Eds), Updating Economic Partnership Agreements to Today's Global Challenges – Essays on the Future of Economic Partnership Agreements, E-Book edited by the GMF Economic Policy Program and the Global Trade Governance Project at the Oxford University and UNCTAD, © German Marshall Fund of the United States, 19 November 2009
- Food security and WTO rules (2010). *in* B. Karapinar and C. Häberli (Eds), Food Crises and the WTO, Cambridge University Press, pp.297-322
- A Preliminary Impact Assessment of Doha Round Results on Agricultural Policies in Turkey (2010). *in* Karapinar, B., Adaman, F., and Ozertan G. (Eds.), Rethinking Structural Reform in Turkish Agriculture: Beyond the World Bank's Strategy, New York: Nova Science Publishers, pp.341-354
- A 'beyond WTO' scenario for Swiss Agriculture: Consequences for income generation and the provision of public goods (with Robert Huber). Yearbook of Socioeconomics in Agriculture (YSEA 2010 pp.361-400)
- Binding Tariff Preferences for Developing Countries under Article II GATT (with Lorand Bartels) (2010). 13(4) *Journal of International Economic Law* 969–995
- Can the World Trade Organization Ensure that Food Aid is Genuine? (with Simone Heri) 1(1) *Developing World Review on Trade and Competition* 1-70 (Gujarat National Law University, India, 2011)
- Reframing sustainable agriculture (with Philipp Aerni and Baris Karapinar), *in* T. Cottier and P. Delimatsis (eds), The Prospects of International Trade Regulation - From Fragmentation to Coherence, Cambridge University Press (2011)
- Dolakha – eine Generation später (with Robert Schmid), *in* Rolf Wilhelm, Gemeinsam unterwegs, (Haupt-Verlag Bern, 2011) pp.242-253.
- Labour Standards in Regional Trade Agreements: Normative Value and Economic Impact (with Marion Jansen and José-Antonio Monteiro) (NCCR Working Paper, July 2011; publication forthcoming 2012)
- Do WTO Rules Improve or Impair the Right to Food? *in* Melaku Desta and Joe McMahon (Eds), Research Handbook on International Agricultural Trade (Edward Elgar, 2012) pp.50-72
- God, the UN, the WTO – and Hunger (chapter in a book on IEL, poverty and trade, forthcoming in 2012)
- What's wrong with WTO rules applying to food security? (book chapter in "The Challenge of Food Security" forthcoming in 2012 at Edward Elgar, edited by Rosemary Rayfuse and Nicole Weisfelt)

Language skills

- Fluent in German (mother tongue), French, and English
- Fair knowledge of Spanish, Italian, Thai, Malagasy, Nepali, and Romanche
- Studies in (ancient) Greek, Latin, and Hebrew