

WTI Brown Bag Seminar



Title

Circular Economy and Trade: Why this relationship matters?

Speaker

Dr. Henrique Pacini, Economic Affairs Officer at UNCTAD.

When

Tuesday
28 May, 2019
12.30-13.30

Where

Anna Nussbaum Auditorium
World Trade Institute
Hallerstrasse 6, 3012 Bern

For PhD students: This lecture in economics is eligible as part of the PhD seminar series.

Abstract

The Circular Economy is a concept which is gaining increased attention by governments, companies as well as popular support. It is especially interesting for international trade practitioners since the concept galvanizes a number of trends, such as digitalization of retail, A.I, novel traceability systems (e.g. blockchain), among others, which all combine to extract value from previously-wasted resources, physical or virtual.

This presentation will examine some of the aspects around circular economy and trade, such as some of its WTO and UNFCCC implications. The discussion will also raise aspects of economic character, such as changes in competitiveness as production and business models adapt to circular patterns of resource use.

Biography of the speaker

Dr. Henrique Pacini works for the Trade and Environment Branch of UNCTAD. Having worked both in the public and private sectors, he currently works on issues related to circular economy, sustainable manufacturing and economic diversification, with special emphasis on developing countries. Dr. Pacini has worked in over 30 academic publications and reports in partnership with the world's leading multilateral organizations and research institutions. He holds a degree in Economics from the University of São Paulo (FEARP-USP), including exchange studies at Eberhard Karls Tuebingen Universität, Germany. He also holds a master's degree in European Studies from Hochschule Bremen, Germany and a Ph.D in Energy Policy from the Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden.