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# 2021 World Trade Forum

(Book topic track)

## CHINA & THE WTO: 20 YEARS ON

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## **Day 1 (Nov. 11)**

### **Welcome and introduction (10:00-10:10) Central European Time**

(04:00-04:10) Eastern Standard Time, (17:00-17:10) China Standard Time

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### **Session 1 (10:10 – 12:00) CET: China and Investment**

(04:10-06:00) EST, (17:10-19:00) CST

Chair: Henry Gao

**Axel Berger (German Development Institute)** – *China's international investment agreement policy: from rule-taker to rule-maker?*

Discussants: Robert Basedow (LSE) / Manjiao Chi

**Matthew Erie (University of Oxford)** & Zhang Jingjing – *The Regulatory Framework for Chinese Outbound Investment*

Discussants: Ji Wenhua (UIBE) / Thomas Cottier

**Manjiao Chi (University of International Business and Economics)** – *China and Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Current Situation and Future Challenges*

Discussants: Rodrigo Polanco (WTI) / Axel Berger

**Thomas Cottier (WTI)** – *Transfer of technology in the triangle of China, the West and Developing Countries: Changing the Rules*

Discussants: Hosuk Lee-Makiyama (ECIPE) / Matthew Erie

### **Session 2 (13:30 – 15:00) CET: US-China Trade War**

(07:30-9:00) EST, (20:30-22:00) CST

Chair: Ka Zeng

**Soo Yeon Kim (National University of Singapore)** – *Chinese Firms in the US-China Trade War*

Discussants: Simon Lester (WorldTradeLaw.net, LLC) / Ka Zeng

**Tanja Schweinberger (University of Geneva)** & Thomas Sattler – *Trade as a Foreign Policy Issue: A Bilateral Micro Perspective*

Discussants: Boliang Zhu (Penn State University) / Soo Yeon Kim

**Simon Lester (WorldTradeLaw.net, LLC) & Huan Zhu – *The Next Phase of the China – US Trade War/Truce***

Discussants: Jennifer Hillman (Council on Foreign Relations) / Tanja Schweinberger

**Session 3 (15:15 – 16:30) CET: China and its Neighbors**

(09:15-10:30) EST, (22:15-23:30) CST

Chair: Damian Raess

**Jing Li (Miami University) & Ye Liu & Yinggang Zhou – *Assessing the Impact of WTO Accession on China's Economic Growth: A Synthetic Control Approach***

Discussants: Eddy Bekkers (WTO) / Mary Lovely

**Mary Lovely (Syracuse University) – *Evolution of China's position within Asia, specifically in the East and Southeast Asian production network***

Discussants: Patrick Tomberger (WTI) / Jing Li

## **Day 2 (Nov. 12)**

### **Session 4 (9:00 – 10:30) CET: WTO Reform**

(03:00-04:30) EST, (16:00 – 17:30) CST

Chair: Henry Gao

**Bernard Hoekman (EUI) & Xinquan Tu & Robert Wolfe – *China & WTO reform***

Discussants: Manfred Elsig (WTI) / Henry Gao

**Henry Gao (Singapore Management University) – *China's changing perspective on WTO***

Discussants: Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz (ICTSD) / Xiaozhun Yi

**Xiaozhun Yi (Former Deputy Director-General of the WTO) & Siqi Li – *20 Years On:***

*China's role in the Multilateral Trading System*

Discussants: Stuart Harbinson (WTO) / Bernard Hoekman

### **Session 5 (15:15 – 16:30) CET: Responses of Chinese Trade Partners**

(09:15-10:30) EST, (22:15-23:30) CST

Chair: Ka Zeng

**Simon Evenett (University of St. Gallen) – *Targeting China? Trading Partner Actions Towards Chinese Exports Accession***

Discussants: Cosimo Beverelli (WTO) / Damian Raess

**Damian Raess (WTI) – *Individual attitudes towards preferential trade agreements with China***

Discussants: Patrick Wagner (WTI) / Simon Evenett

**Session 6 (17:00 – 18:30) CET: China and Political Coalition Building in the WTO**

(11:00-12:30) EST, (00:00-01:30) CST

Chair: Damian Raess

**Clara Weinhardt (Maastricht University)** – *China's relations with the Global South in the World Trade Organization*

Discussants: Marcelo Olarreaga (University of Geneva) / Wei Liang

**Wei Liang (Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey)** & Ka Zeng – *China and the BRICS in WTO Negotiations: Competition and Convergence*

Discussants: Yeling Tan (University of Oregon) / Kristen Hopewell

**Kristen Hopewell (University of British Columbia)** – *The China Paradox: Why China's Rise Precipitated a Crisis in Global Trade Governance*

Discussants: Greg Shaffer (University of California, Irvine) / Clara Weinhardt

## **Day 3 (Nov. 13)**

### **Session 7 (9:30 – 10:45) CET: What Trade Rules?**

(03:30-04:45) EST, (16:30-17:45) CST

Chair: Henry Gao

**Iryna Bogdanova (WTI) & Anqi Wang** – *China's use of export restrictions and WTO law: are we heading towards 'weaponization' of export controls?*

Discussants: Henry Gao (SMU) / Weihuan Zhou

**Weihuan Zhou (University of New South Wales)** – *The Impact of the WTO Dispute Settlement System on China: Effectiveness, Challenges and Broader Issues*

Discussants: Peter Van Den Bossche (WTI) / Iryna Bogdanova

### **Session 8 (14:30 – 16:30) CET: China's Domestic Reform since WTO Accession**

(08:30-10:30) EST, (21:30-23:30) CST

Chair: Ka Zeng

**Grant Aldonas (Center for Strategic and International Studies)** – *The WTO's Impact on the Development of the Rule of Law in China*

Discussants: Donald Clarke (George Washington University) / Jennifer Hillman

**Peter Yu (Texas A&M University)** – *Two Decades of TRIPS in China*

Discussants: Frederick Abbott (FSU) / Joseph Glauber

**Joseph Glauber (International Food Policy Research Institute)** – *China's Accession to the WTO and its Impact on Global Agricultural Trade*

Discussants: Christian Häberli (WTI) / Peter Yu

**Jennifer Hillman (Council on Foreign Relations)** – *U.S. Views and Likely Response to the Rise of China*

Discussants: Petros Mavroidis (Columbia University & Université de Neuchâtel) / Grant Aldonas

### **Conclusion & update on the book project (16:30-16:45) CET**

(10:30-10:45) EST, (23:30-23:45) CST

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