

GLOBALISATION AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Course description

This course will address the key policy linkage between trade and development. It will start with an introduction to the concept of socio-economic development, and development theories and strategies, followed by an empirical impact evaluation of globalization. It will move on to explore the key political- economy issues arising from the enlarged role and voice of developing countries in trade governance. From there it will explore linkages between trade, growth and development, address issues of distributive fairness in trade rule-making, and highlight some of the concerns that developing countries have with the special and differential provisions in the WTO and the current status of the work programme in this regard. The negotiating priorities of developing countries in the WTO system and at the PTA level will be touched upon. The issue of aid for trade and its operational pursuit will also be taken up and its linkage with market access opportunities explained. During the course, labor outcomes and particularly the trade-labor linkage will get particular attention.

Course details

Participants: Open course (MILE, TRAIL+, DAS, CAS and à la Carte)

Requirement: Optional

Price: CHF 1'800 (only for à la Carte participants)

Format: Modular, expository-interactive lecture

ECTS: 3 (only for MILE, TRAIL+, DAS and CAS)

Lecturers: Bernard Hoekman, Doris Oberdabernig, Damian Röss

Biographies

Bernard Hoekman: Bernard Hoekman is Professor and Programme Director, Global Economics at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute in Florence, Italy and currently chairs the World Economic Forum's Global Action Council on Supply Chains and Logistics. He has held various senior positions at the World Bank, including Director of the International Trade Department and Research Manager in the Development Research Group. Prior to joining the World Bank he worked as an economist in the GATT Secretariat. He has published widely on

trade policy and development, the global trading system, and trade in services. He is a graduate of the Erasmus University Rotterdam, holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan and is a Research Fellow of the London-based Centre for Economic Policy Research and a Senior Associate of the Economic Research Forum for the Arab countries, Turkey and Iran.

Doris Oberdabering: Doris Oberdabernig is a postdoc researcher and PhD coordinator at the WTI. She holds a PhD in Economics, and degrees in Political Economy and in International Economics and Business Sciences from the University of Innsbruck (AT).

Doris acted as the scientific coordinator of the project “Employment effects of developing policy instruments” at the WTI. Before joining the WTI she worked as teaching and research associate at the Vienna University of Business and Economics (WU, Austria), and as research associate at the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO). She also worked as consultant for different World Bank projects and for the private sector.

Her field of research comprises applied econometrics, political economy, environmental economics, international economics and development, and she has published in international scientific journals such as World Development, European Journal of Political Economy, Ecological Economics, Applied Economics, Kyklos, and Scottish Journal of Political Economy.

Damian Räss: Since January 2017 Damian Raess is SNSF Professor at the WTI, University of Bern. Trained as a political scientist (BA, University of Lausanne; MA and PhD, University of Amsterdam), he specialises in international and comparative political economy. His main research interests include the political economy of globalization, the globalization-labor nexus, the politics of crisis responses, and macroeconomic policy, particularly fiscal policy.

His new project, entitled 'BRICS globalization and labor protections in advanced and emerging economies', deals with the incorporation of the BRICS economies in the world economy and its consequences for labour politics and employment relations in Europe and in the BRICS. Most recently (2014-2016), he led a collaborative and interdisciplinary research project on the causes and consequences of labour standards in trade agreements funded by the Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS). One of the outputs of the project is a new, comprehensive dataset on labour provisions in preferential trade agreements (LABPTA dataset).

Damian has been a visiting scholar in the political science department at MIT and in the labour and worklife programme at Harvard University. He has been visiting

lecturer at KU Leuven, the University of Amsterdam, and the Graduate Institute in Geneva. He held a position as a lecturer at the University of Geneva (2010-2015) before moving to the University of Reading. He has published articles in journals such as Annual Political Science Review, International Studies Quarterly, Politics & Society, Review of International Political Economy, Socio-Economic Review, amongst others.