

## Programme: Preferential Trade Agreements - Insights from the DESTA research project

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Organized by CEPS and WTI/NCCR Trade Regulation

Venue: CEPS 1, Place du Congrès (off Rue Royale), 1000 Brussels

Main conference room ground floor

### MORNING SESSION

- 09.30 – 09.55 **Registration & Coffee**
- 09.55 – 10.00 **Welcome** Jacques Pelkmans, CEPS & Manfred Elsig, WTI
- 10.00 – 10.30 **Humans versus computer: Manual and computational estimates of latent traits in preferential trade agreements** Andreas Dür, University of Salzburg
- 10.30 – 11.00 **Do Labour Standards Included in PTAs Matter?** Damian Raess, University of Reading
- 11.00 – 11.30 **Compliance with Non-Trade Issues in Trade Agreements** Lisa Lechner, University of Salzburg
- 11.30 – 12.00 **General discussion**

Green Room

### LUNCH SESSION

- 12.00 – 12.45 **Lunch**
- 12.45 – 14.00 **Round table: EU trade policy, assuming leadership for an open world economy?**
- Moderator: Jacques Pelkmans, CEPS
- Introduction: Manfred Elsig, WTI, University of Bern
- Panellists: Thomas Baert, DG Trade, Brussels; Pascal Kerneis, European Services Forum, Brussels; Cécile Toubreau, Transport & Environment, Brussels; Andreas Dür, University of Salzburg

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### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 14.10 – 14.40 **Free Trade Agreements, Customs Unions in Disguise?** Teti Feodora, IFO Institute, Munich
- 14.40 – 15.10 **What are the expected economic/or distributional benefits of TTIP?** Steven Brakman, University of Groningen
- 15.10 – 15.40 **The Ties between the World Trade Organization and Preferential Trade Agreements: A Textual Analysis** Manfred Elsig, WTI, University of Bern
- 15.40 – 16.30 **Discussants' comments, followed by general discussion**
- Discussants: Roberta Piermartini, World Trade Organization; Prof Dirk De Bièvre, University of Antwerp

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