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 Congres (off Rue Royale), 1000 Brussels

Main conference room ground floor

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

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 Toubeau, Transport & Environment, Brussels; Andreas Dür, University of Salzburg

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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 Biève, University of Antwerp

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