

World Trade Forum 2009

Making Decisions at the World Trade Organization: Past, Present and Beyond Doha

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Programme

Friday, 25 September 2009

Introduction (1.15-2.00)

Thomas Cottier (WTI) and Manfred Elsig (WTI)
Welcome

Julio Lacarte (former Ambassador, Uruguay)
Some Reflections from the Long Negotiation Table

Session 1: Challenges to the System (2.00-3.20)

Tony McGrew (University of Southampton)
After Globalization? : WTO Reform and the New Global Political Economy

Discussants: Andrew Lang (LSE), Victor do Prado (WTO)

Kent Jones (Babson College)
Exploring the Institutional Limits of Trade Coherence

Discussants: Debra Steger (Ottawa University), Bessma Momani (University of Waterloo)

-Coffee Break-

Session 2: Parliamentary Dimension (3.50-4.30)

Markus Krajewski (University of Bremen)
Legitimizing Global Economic Governance through Parliamentarization: How Far Have We Come? How Much Further Must We Go?

Discussants: Joost Pauwelyn (Graduate Institute), Amrita Narlikar (Cambridge University)

Session 3: Developing Countries (4.30-5.50)

Amrita Narlikar (Cambridge University)

Adapting to New Power Balances: Institutional Reform in the WTO

Discussants: Faizel Ismail (Head of Delegation, South Africa), Julio Lacarte (former Ambassador, Uruguay)

Donna Lee (Birmingham University)

Challenging the Decision-Making Process in the WTO: The Africa Group in the DDA

Discussants: Thomas Cottier (WTI), Faizel Ismail (Head of Delegation, South Africa)

Saturday, 26 September

Session 4: Modes of Decision-Making (8.45-11.20)

Debra Steger (Ottawa University)

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Discussants: Mary Footer (University of Nottingham), Jennifer Hillman (AB/German Marshall Fund)

Andrew Lang (LSE) and Joanne Scott (University College London)

The Hidden World of WTO Governance

Discussants: Jennifer Hillman (AB/German Marshall Fund), Joost Pauwelyn (Graduate Institute)

-Coffee Break-

Mary Footer (University of Nottingham)

The WTO as a “Living Instrument”: the Contribution of Consensus Decision-making and Informality to Normative Developments Arising out of the DDA

Discussants: Markus Krajewski (University of Bremen), Marion Panizzon (WTI)

Session 5: Interaction with the EU (11.20- 12.00)

Bart Kerremans (Leuven University)

Delegation Chains, Agenda-Control, and Political Mobilization: An Analysis of the Constraints that an Evolving WTO Creates for the EU in the DDA

Discussants: Rorden Wilkinson (Manchester University), Robert Kissack (Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Intern.)

Lunch

Session 6: Other Global Economic Multilaterals (13.30-14.50)

Bessma Momani (University of Waterloo)

Explaining Cooperation at the IMF and World Bank Since Bretton Woods

Discussants: Tom Bernes (Consultant), Bart Kerremans (Leuven University)

Robert Kissack (Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals)

Recipe for Success or a Taste of Failure? Passive and Active Consensus in the Reform of the Food and Agricultural Organization

Discussants: Tony McGrew (University of Southampton), Anna Lanoszka (University of Windsor)

-Coffee Break-

Session 7: Reforming the System (15.20-16.40)

Rorden Wilkinson (Manchester University)

The Right Solutions to the Wrong Problems?

Discussants: Donna Lee (Birmingham University), Victor do Prado (WTO)

Thomas Cottier (WTI) and Manfred Elsig (WTI)

Reforming the WTO: the Decision-Making Triangle Re-assessed

Discussants: Tom Bernes (Consultant), Kent Jones (Babson College)

Wrap-up and farewell