

KIEP's closed seminar: Reshaping the WTO

Since its inception, the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) has devoted itself to the study of international economic policies involving international trade, regional development and, most of all, negotiations at the World Trade Organization (WTO). In a continuous effort to share ideas and eventually shed light on issues relevant to the international community, KIEP plans to host a closed seminar entitled **“Reshaping the WTO”** from end of August to September.

While it has achieved much over the years, the WTO is struggling with numerous challenges. Its crucial role to provide a dispute settlement mechanism, and to negotiate new agreements and monitor trade policies, are at risk. KIEP's closed seminar is an attempt to learn from experts in the field and pool wisdom on the future role of the WTO regarding the Appellate Body, digital trade, trade monitoring and the development agenda.

The seminar will be composed of five sessions, one per week, in which we hope to invite experts from different fields. The sessions will last about one hour each, with 15-20 minute presentations followed by 5-10 minute reactions from discussants and a 20-minute Q&A session. Please refer to the attached program for more information.

We cordially invite you to share your insights with us.

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Reshaping the WTO - Seminar Program

Time	Program
Session 1. Supply chains and Multilateralism , Aug 26 (Wed), Seoul 18:00 (Paris 11:00) What are the challenges the WTO is facing? How can they be addressed?	
18:00-18:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wook Chae, Professor of Kyung Hee University, former President of Korea Institute for International Economic Policy ○ Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bernard Hoekman, Professor and Director, Global Economics at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute - Peter Draper, Executive Director of the Institute for International Trade in the Faculty of the Professions, University of Adelaide
18:40-18:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nakgyoon Choi, Senior Research Fellow, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy
18:50-19:10	Q&A
Session 2. WTO and DSU , Sep 2 (Wed), Seoul 21:00 (US Eastern 8:00) How can we solve the dispute settlement issue? What about MPIA?	
21:00-21:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steve Charnovitz, Professor, George Washington University Law School ○ Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simon Lester, Associate Director, Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies
21:20-21:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dukgeun Ahn, Professor and Director of Center for International Commerce and Strategy in Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University
21:30-21:50	Q&A
Session 3. WTO and digital trade , Sep 9 (Wed), Seoul 17:00 (Paris 10:00) What are the issues and prospect on digital trade negotiations? And the WTO?	
17:00-17:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lee Tuthill, Counsellor, Division of Trade in Services and Investment, World Trade Organization
17:20-17:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hosuk Lee-Makiyama, Director of European Centre for International Political Economy - Kyu Yub Lee, Head of New Trade Strategy Team, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy
17:40~18:00	Q&A

Time	Program
Session 4. WTO and trade monitoring Sep 16 (Wed), Seoul 21:00 (US Eastern 8:00)	
What are the challenges of trade monitoring and how do we address them?	
21:00-21:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter Van den Bossche, Director of Studies of the World Trade Institute, Professor of International Economic Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bern ○ Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin S. Edwards, Associate Professor, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University - Robert Wolfe, Professor Emeritus, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University
21:40-22:00	Open discussion and Q&A
Session 5. WTO and developing countries , Sep 24 (Thu), Seoul 10:00 (Costa Rica Sep 23, 19:00)	
What are the challenges the WTO is facing? How can they be addressed?	
10:00-10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taeho Bark, Advisor and President of Lee & Ko Global Commerce Institute, former Minister for Trade of the Korean government ○ Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anabel Gonzalez, nonresident Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics, former Minister of Trade of Costa Rica
10:20-10:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tu Xinquan, Professor and Dean of China Institute for WTO Studies, University of International Business and Economics - Mia Mikic, Director at Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, United Nations ESCAP
10:40-11:00	Q&A