

Closing Ceremony of the 2022-2023 *Advanced Master's Programmes*

28 July 2023

at Silva Casa Room,
World Trade Institute, University of Bern

Programme

- 16.00 Welcome address by Prof. Peter Van den Bossche, WTI Director of Studies
- 16.15 Keynote speech on *Why Rules Matter: the Importance of Free and Open Trade in a Contested World* by H. E. [Ambassador Simon Manley CMG](#), Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the WTO, UN and Other International Organisations (Geneva)
- 17.00 Award of the Thomas Cottier Prize for Best Master's Thesis (2022) to Faith Abraham (TRAIL+) and Gabriela Garcia Merchan (MILE)
- 17.15 Farewell speech to graduates by Claudia Rosas and Atharv Joshi, Class Representatives
- 17.45 Presentation of the MILE and TRAIL+ stones
- 18.00 Closing remarks by Prof. Joseph Francois, WTI Managing Director

The Closing Ceremony at the Silva Casa Room will be live-streamed, and will be followed by an Apéro riche at [Grosse Schanze](#) for invitees.