Programme

Theme:

Trade and the Quest for Accountability: Perspectives and Challenges

This forum will take a look at policies and regulations that affect supply chain management, such as due diligence rules, trade-related climate instruments, national security concerns and other non-trade objectives

6-7 September 2024

Eventfabrik, Bern, Switzerland
Day 1 - Friday, September 6

8:45-9:15  Registration

9:15-9:30  Welcome & opening remarks  
           Virginia Richter, Rector of the University of Bern  
           Organizers

9:30-11:00  Plenary I: What happened to re- and friendshoring?  
Chair  Bernard Hoekman, European University Institute (EUI)  
Panelists  Stefan Brupbacher, Swissmem  
          Beata Javorcik, Oxford University and EBRD  
          Marion Jansen, OECD  
          Allessandro Nicita, UNCTAD  
          Cristián Rodríguez-Chiffelle, Boston Consulting Group

11:00-11:30  Break

11:30-13:00  Parallel 1: Trade and Democracy  
Chair  Manfred Elsig, WTI  
Panelists  Marine Roux, WTI  
         Noah Wheatley, WTI  
         Roberto Echandi, World Bank Group  
         Gabriele Spilker, University of Konstanz  
         Victor do Prado, Brazilian Center for International Relations

11:30-13:00  Parallel 2: Industrial Policy in an Era of Climate Change and Geopolitical Tensions  
Chair  Clara Brandi, IDOS/University of Bonn  
Panelists  Fernando Martín, Global Trade Alert  
          William Connell, Directorate General GROW  
          Adam Jakubik, International Monetary Funds (IMF)  
          Iliaria Espa, University of Lugano (TBC)

13:00-14:00  Lunch break
14:00-15:30  
**Plenary II: The EU’s new trade accountability unilateralism (due diligence, CBAM and deforestation)**

**Chair**  
Iana Dreyer, Borderlex

**Panelists**  
Ignacio Garcia Bercero, DG Trade  
Isabelle Van Damme, Van Bael & Bellis (as of August, the WTI)  
David Kleimann, ODI  
Quynh Nguyen, Wyss Academy  
Tetsuya Watanabe, ERIA

15:30-16:00  
Break

16:00-17:30  
**Parallel 3: Where is the investment regime heading?**

**Chair**  
Rodrigo Polanco, WTI

**Panelists**  
Tuuli-Anna Saaria Huikuri, University of Zurich  
Wolfgang Alschner, University of Ottawa  
Sergio Puig De La Parra, EUI  
Agustin Riscos Nunez, University of Sevilla  
Rami Rafih, Boston Consulting Group (TBC)

16:00-17:30  
**Parallel 4: GVCs and corporate accountability**

**Chair**  
Longyue Zhao, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies

**Panelists**  
Guangdong University speaker (TBC)  
Minako Morita-Jaeger, Sussex University, UKTPO and CITP  
Joseph Francois, WTI  
Bernard Hoekman, EUI and Douglas Nelson, Tulane University  
Fiona Smith, Sussex University, UKTPO and CITP

17:30-18:30  
**PhD poster session with networking aperitif**

Poster presentations of PhD students (2nd floor)
Day 2 - Saturday, September 7

9:00-9:30   Registration

9:30-11:00   **Parallel 5: Navigating the Green Tide: The Impact of Environmental Regulations on Developing Nations**

**Chairs**  Maryla Maliszewska, World Bank Group
Roberto Echandi, World Bank Group
Sebastien Dessus, World Bank Group

**Panelists**  Ilaria Espa, University of Lugano and WTI
Intan Murnira Ramli, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia

9:30-11:00   **Parallel 6: State of play in WTO DS**

**Chair**  Werner Zdouc, WTI and Global Impact Association

**Panelists**  Chang-Fa Lo, Permanent Mission of Chinese Taipei to the WTO
Marco Molina
Cherise Valles, Advisory Centre on WTO Law
Gabrielle Marceau, University of Geneva
Aparna Ray, Permanent Mission of India to the WTO

11:00-11:30   Coffee break

11:30-13:00   **Plenary III: Managing Trade Cooperation in Turbulent Times**

**Chair**  Michael Hahn, WTI

**Panelists**  Victor do Prado, Brazilian Center for International Relations
Angela Ellard, WTO DDG (TBC)
Anabel González, Inter-American Development Bank (online)
Markus Schlagenhof, SECO (as of August EFTA)
Clara Brandi, IDOS
Sean Doherty, World Economic Forum
Zambry Abdul Kadir, Minister of Higher Education Malaysia

13:00-14:00   Lunch break
14:00-15:30  Parallel 7: Energy, Trade, and International Sustainable Development  
Chair  (TBC)  
Panelists  Octavio Fernández-Amador, WTI  
          Hugo Rojas-Romagosa, IMF  
          Sneha Thube, IMF  

14:00-15:30  Parallel 8: The regulation of the data-driven economy: From FTAs to DEAs  
Chair  Panos Delimatsis, Tilburg University  
Panelists  Mira Burri, University of Lucerne  
          Maria Vasquez Callo-Müller, University of Lucerne  
          Kholofelo Kugler, University of Lucerne  
          Mishra Neha, Geneva Graduate Institute  

16:00-17:30  Special Plenary IV for the 25th anniversary of the World Trade Institute  
Chair  Pierre Sauvé, World Bank Group  
Panelists  Thomas Cottier, founder, and former Managing Director of the WTI  
          Kholofelo Kugler, Uni Lucerne and ACWL  
          Peter Van den Bossche, WTI  
          Ilaria Espa, University of Lugano  
          Simon Evenett, IMD  
          Sufian Jusoh, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia  
          Bajaj Pallavi, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India  

17:30-18:30  Networking Aperitif  

19:15  Dinner (by invitation)
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