Draft 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 Rodriguez-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
          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 Martin, Global Trade Alert
          Roman Arjona, Chief Economist of DG GROW (TBC)
          Amir Lebdioiui, Oxford University (TBC)
          Carolyn Deere-Birkbeck, TESS (TBC)

13:00-14:00  Lunch
14:00-15:30  **Plenary II: The EU’s “due diligence and trade” agenda**
Chair  Iana Dreyer, Borderlex
Panelists Sufian Jusoh, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
Ignacio Garcia Bercero, DG Trade
Isabelle Van Damme, Van Bael & Bellis (as of August, the WTI)
David Kleimann, ODI
Quynh Nguyen, Wyss Academy

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

16:00-17:30  **Parallel 4: GVCs and corporate accountability**
More coming soon!

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

*Chair*
Maryla Maliszewska, EFI
Roberto Enchandi, EFI
Sebastien Dessus, EFI

*Panelists*
Ilaria Espa, University of Lugano and WTI
Intan Murnira Raml, 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
Ray Aparna, 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 Gonzalez, Inter-American Development Bank (on-line)
Markus Schlagenhof, SECO (as of August EFTA)
Clara Brandi, IDOS
Sean Doherty, World Economic Forum

13:00-14:00  Lunch
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 (TBC)
Panelists Mira Burri, University of Lucerne
Maria Vasquez Callo-Müller, University of Lucerne
Kholofelo Kugler, University of Lucerne
Neha Mishra, Geneva Graduate Institute
Moritz Hennemann, University of Freiburg

16:00-17:30 Special Plenary IV for the 25th anniversary of the World Trade Institute

Chair Pierre Sauvé, World Bank
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
Petros Mavroidis, Columbia Law School (on-line)
Simon Evenett, IMD

17:30-18:30 Networking Aperitif

19:15 Dinner (by invitation)
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