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 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
                      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 Lebdioui, 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 (TBC)

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 Echandi, 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 González, Inter-American Development Bank (online)
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 (online)
- Simon Evenett, IMD

17:30-18:30  **Networking Aperitif**

19:15  **Dinner (by invitation)**
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