

NCCR Trade Regulation Brown Bag Series

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INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM GOES FISHING

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Abstract

As the world seems to be heading towards uncharted territories, my argument is that to better understand the present and future, we should look at the past. Thus by focusing on the development of the international trading system, this talk aims to present some ideas on what has changed and how we can understand these changes, the reasons behind them and their processes. In short, by using the EU's perspective, we shall look at how different states have used formal trade agreements to manifest their "hegemony". This is done by a historical comparison between the main trading countries and explaining what has caused their actions and what it all means for the international trading system as we know it now. Based on this historical background, we shall focus on what the future may bring both on a systemic level and state level.

Biography of the Speaker

Dr. Alavi possesses a wealth of expertise and over 10 years of professional and academic experience as consultant, lecturer and legal analyst on matters related to international trade such as negotiating free trade agreements with the EU. Apart from representing Denmark at the WTO, Mr. Alavi has also worked with many governments and private companies in UK, Sweden, ASEAN countries and Balkan countries.

His main areas of expertise include: WTO agreements; multilateral and bilateral trade agreements; various dispute settlement mechanisms; Rules of Origin; Trade Facilitation; and Technical Barriers to Trade. He has worked on inter alia agricultural sector and heavy industries.

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