



# 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  
Helena Schweiger, EBRD  
Marion Jansen, OECD  
Alessandro 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 presentations with networking aperitif**  
 Coming soon...

## 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 September 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
- 15:30-16:00      Break
- 16:00-17:30**      **Special Plenary IV for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World Trade Institute**  
Chair              Pierre Sauv , 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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