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# Programme

## 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 Welcome coffee & badge pick up
- 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?**  
[Register on Zoom here](#)
- 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**  
[Register on Zoom here](#)
- 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**  
[Register on Zoom here](#)
- Chair Clara Brandi, IDOS/University of Bonn  
Panelists Fernando Martín, Global Trade Alert  
William Connell, Directorate General GROW  
Adam Jakubik, International Monetary Fund (IMF)  
Ilaria Espa, USI & WTI
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch break



- 14:00-15:30**      **Plenary II: The EU's new trade accountability unilateralism (due diligence, CBAM and deforestation)**  
[Register on Zoom here](#)
- Chair                Iana Dreyer, Borderlex  
Panelists        Ignacio Garcia Bercero, former DG Trade  
                           Isabelle Van Damme, WTI  
                           David Kleimann, ODI  
                           Quynh Nguyen, Wyss Academy  
                           Tetsuya Watanabe, ERIA
- 15:30-16:00        Coffee break
- 16:00-17:30**      **Parallel 3: Empirical Analysis and Practical Applications of Investment Agreements?**  
[Register on Zoom here](#)
- Chair                Rodrigo Polanco, WTI  
Panelists        Tuuli-Anna Saaria Huikuri, University of Zurich  
                           Wolfgang Alschner, University of Ottawa  
                           Agustin Riscos Nunez, University of Sevilla  
                           Mounia Mansouri, Boston Consulting Group
- 16:00-17:30**      **Parallel 4: GVCs and corporate accountability**  
[Register on Zoom here](#)
- Chair                Longyue Zhao, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies  
Panelists        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**  
                           Alexandra Bögner, University of Salzburg  
                           David Baumann, WTI  
                           Ilenia Colombo, Bocconi University  
                           Jimena Solar, Centre for Development and Environment, UniBe  
                           Maarja Saluste, Law Department, EUI  
                           Robin Argueyrolles, University of Basel  
                           Wafaa Saadeh, WTI  
                           Yinuo Liu, WTI

## 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**  
[Register on Zoom here](#)
- Chairs Maryla Maliszewska, World Bank Group  
Roberto Echandi, World Bank Group  
Sebastien Dessus, World Bank Group
- Panelists Ilaria Espa, USI & WTI  
Intan Murnira Ramli, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia
- 9:30-11:00 Parallel 6: State of play in WTO DS**  
[Register on Zoom here](#)
- 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  
Poster presentation B-Ready project of the World Bank Group by Varun Eknath
- 11:30-13:00 Plenary III: Managing Trade Cooperation in Turbulent Times**  
[Register on Zoom here](#)
- Chair Michael Hahn, WTI
- Panelists Victor do Prado, Brazilian Center for International Relations  
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**

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Chair

Octavio Fernández-Amador, WTI

Panelists

Hugo Rojas-Romagosa, IMF

Sneha Thube, IMF

Abrell Jan, University of Basel

**14:00-15:30**      **Parallel 8: The regulation of the data-driven economy: From FTAs to DEAs**

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Chair

Panos Delimatsis, Tilburg University

Panelists

Mira Burri, University of Lucerne

Maria Vasquez Callo-Müller, University of Lucerne

Kholofelo Kugler, University of Lucerne

Neha Mishra, 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**

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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, USI & WTI

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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