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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
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
Roman Arjona, Chief Economist of DG GROW (TBC)
Amir Lebdioui, Oxford University (TBC)
Carolyn Deere-Birkbeck, TESS (TBC)
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch break



- 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**
Chair Longyue Zhao, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies
Panelists Guangdong University speaker (TBD)
 Minako Morita-Jaeger, Sussex University and CITP
 Joseph Francois, WTI (with Bernard Hoekman, EUI and Douglas
 Nelson, Tulane University)
 Fiona Smith, Sussex University and CITP
- 17:30-18:30** **PhD poster session with networking aperitif**
Poster 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**
- 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 August EFTA)
Clara Brandi, IDOS
Sean Doherty, World Economic Forum
- 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 (TBC)
Panelists Mira Burri, University of Lucerne
 Maria Vasquez Callo-Müller, EUI and Teesside University (UK).
 Kholofelo Kugler, University of Lucerne
 Neha Mishra, Geneva Graduate Institute
- 16:00-17:30** **Special Plenary IV for the 25th anniversary of the World Trade Institute**
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, University of Lugano
 Simon Evenett, IMD
- 17:30-18:30 Networking Aperitif
- 19:15 **Dinner (by invitation)**

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