



Global Trade Dialogue: the problem as we see it, the responses as we imagine them

Tuesday, December 5th, 14:00 to 17:45

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Participants: WTO Chairs, Advisory Board Members, and academics and experts from Argentina

The WTO, and more generally the rules-based trading system, is under scrutiny. Concerns have arisen about the role of trade, globalization more generally, and technological change in the loss of manufacturing jobs in industrial countries and increased job insecurity. As some countries turn more inward, there are likely to be important implications for international co-operation and for the multilateral trading system in particular. Against the backdrop of MC11 this December, trade and the WTO will take center stage. How do we make trade more inclusive? What are the possible policy responses? What is the role of academics in this debate and how can they best influence policymakers? How do we strengthen international co-operation and prevent countries from becoming more insular? What outcomes in MC11 would best help trade and make it more inclusive?

On 5 December, academics and trade experts from Argentina, the Host Country, and other WTO Members will be debating these questions. The Dialogue will be streamed live on the Internet and will also be recorded.

This event will be in English and do require registration: please send an e mail to catedraomc@flacso.org.ar

PROGRAMME

14:00 – 14:15 Welcome Remarks

Prof. Monica Pinto

Dean, Facultad de Derecho, UBA

14:15-15:45 Session 1: How do we Make Trade more Inclusive?

Chair: Robert Koopman, Director, Economic Research and Statistics Division

Speakers:

- Leila Baghdadi, Tunis Business School
- Dorotea Lopez Giral, University of Chile
- Mark Wu, Advisory Board
- Mustapha Sadni Jallab, WTO
- Juliana Peixoto (UBA, FLACSO)

General discussion

15:45-16:00 Break

16:00-17:30 Session 2: MC 11 and Strengthening the Multilateral System

Chair: Guillermo Cabanellas, University of Buenos Aires

Speakers:

- Vera Thorstensen, Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV)
- Pierre Sauvé, WCP Advisory Board
- Michael Ewing-Chow, National University of Singapore
- Maarten Smeets, WTO
- Sandra Negro (UBA)

General discussion

17:30-17:45 Wrapping up and conclusions

Ms Valentina Delich, FLACSO/UBA