

**Thinking Ahead on International Trade (TAIT)  
(Inaugural Conference)**

**Challenges facing the world trade system  
17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

*organised by*

Centre for Trade and Economic Integration (CTEI) at the Graduate  
Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

*in collaboration with the*

Economic Research and Statistics Division of the Secretariat of the  
World Trade Organization

*to be held at the*

**World Trade Organization  
154, rue de Lausanne  
Geneva, Switzerland**

**Conference Background & Goals**

The TAIT programme, run by the Graduate Institute's Centre for Trade and Economic Integration (CTEI), is a 4-year research programme devoted to the analyses of medium-term challenges facing the international trade system in general and the WTO in particular. The goal of the conference is to establish priorities for further study on the medium-term challenges. To this end, the conference will:

- Collect views from business, governments and scholars on the medium-run challenges that the world trade system must address in the coming decades, notably after the successful conclusion of the Doha negotiations.
- Establish priorities for future research and dialogue.

The conference will consist of 5 Round Tables each supported by a background briefing paper summarising the state of knowledge on the various challenges and the major policy options under discussion. Each Round Table will consist of a trade diplomat, a business person, and an academic, with ample time left for contributions and reactions from the floor.

The intended audience is members of the Geneva trade policy making community, NGOs, national governments, the business community and academics. The conference is organised in collaboration with the Economic Research and Statistics Division of the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization

# Conference Programme

Thursday, 17th September 2009

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<b>Registration and coffee</b>	8:30-9:30
<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> <i>Pascal Lamy</i> , Director General, WTO	9:30-10:00
<b>Round Table 1: Why not in the WTO? Liberalisation, rules, and forum choice</b> Background briefing document by <i>Richard Baldwin and Theresa Carpenter</i> , Professor, Graduate Institute, Geneva, and Director, Centre for Trade and Economic Integration Chair: <i>Carsten Fink</i> , World Intellectual Property Organisation Discussants: <i>H.E. Mr Mario Matus</i> , Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Chile to the WTO <i>Reinhart Quick</i> , German Chemical Industry Association <i>Andreas Dür</i> , Professor of International Relations, University of Salzburg	10:00-12:00
<b>Lunch</b>	12:00-13:30
<b>Round Table 2: New trade issues in energy, natural resources, and food</b> Background briefing document by <i>Tim Josling</i> , Professor, Food Research Institute at Stanford Chair: <i>Andre Sapir</i> , Professor, Université Libre de Brussels and Bruegel Discussants: <i>H.E. Mr Faizel Ismail</i> , Head of Delegation, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the WTO <i>Juan Gonzalez-Valero</i> , Syngenta <i>Joost Pauwelyn</i> , Professor, Graduate Institute, Geneva, and Director, Centre for Trade and Economic Integration	13:30-15:30
<b>Break</b>	15:30-16:00

**Thursday, 17th September 2009 (continued)****Round Table 3: The WTO and climate change: challenges and options** 16:00-18:00

Background briefing document by **Gary Hufbauer and Jisun Kim**,  
Reginald Jones Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics

Chair: **Urs Luterbacher**, Professor, Graduate Institute of international and  
Development Studies, Geneva,

Discussants:

**H.E. Mr Fernando de Mateo**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of  
Mexico to the WTO

**Urs Näf**, Economiesuisse, Zurich

**Biswajit Dhar**, Director General, Research and Information System for  
Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi

**Reception** 18:00-19:30**Friday, 18th September 2009****Second day opening** 8:30**Round Table 4: WTO rules for coping with economic crises** 8:30-10:30

Background briefing document by **Simon Evenett**, Professor of International  
Trade and Economic Development, and Director of Swiss Institute for  
International Economics at the University of St. Gallen

Chair: **Theresa Carpenter**, Executive Director, Centre for Trade and  
Economic Integration at the Graduate Institute of International and  
Development Studies, Geneva

Discussants:

**H.E. Mr Ujal Singh Bhatia\***, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of  
India to the WTO

**Patrick Messerlin**, Professor, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris

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**Break** 10:30-11:00**Round Table 5: WTO decision making for the future** 11:00-13:00

Background briefing document by **Patrick Low**, Director, Economic  
Research and Statistics Division, WTO and Adjunct Professor, Graduate  
Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Chair: **Carolyn Deere-Birkbeck**, Director, Global Trade Governance  
Project, University College, Oxford

Discussants:

**H.E. Mr Peter Grey**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Australia  
to the WTO

**Dukgeun Ahn**, Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul

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National University

**Gary Campkin**, Head of the International Group, CBI

**Wrap up and closing remarks**

13:00-13:30

## Conference Organising Committee

**Richard Baldwin**, Professor, Graduate Institute, Geneva, and Director, Centre for Trade and Economic Integration

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## Institutions

### The Graduate Institute, Geneva

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is an institution of higher education and research dedicated to the cross-cutting disciplines of international relations and development studies. The Institute, keen to draw on the synergies offered by its two fields of specialisation, offers independent and rigorous analyses of current and emerging global issues with a view to promoting international cooperation and making a contribution to the development of less fortunate societies. This small and selective institution that owes its reputation to: the quality of its cosmopolitan faculty, the strength of its core disciplines (Economics, History, Law, Political Science and Development Studies), its policy-relevant approach to international affairs, and its bilingual English-French education programmes.

### Centre for Trade and Economic Integration – CTEI

The Centre for Trade and Economic Integration (CTEI) is a Centre of Excellence for research on international trade. Established in February 2008, the interdisciplinary Centre brings together the research activities of eminent professors of economics, law and political science in the area of trade, economic integration and globalisation. The Centre serves as a vehicle for disseminating research results within the “real world” and enables discussion and dialogue between the global research community.

### World Trade Organization – WTO

The World Trade Organization (WTO) is the only global international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations. It provides a framework for negotiating and formalising trade agreements, and a dispute resolution process aimed at enforcing participants' adherence to WTO agreements. The goal is to help producers of goods and services, exporters, and importers conduct their business. The WTO has 153 members, representing more than 95% of total world trade; and 30 observers.