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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2023 was overall a very active year, CTE employed 27 staff (part and full time), in addition to affiliated professors (2), and fellows (8). We had over 16 active projects, including a multi-year interdisciplinary Sinergia project on how to make trade agreements work in the service of society; we submitted 12 proposals, 11 of which were successful.

CTEI continues to host two multi-stakeholder platforms: The Geneva Trade Platform (GTP) and the Thinking Ahead on Societal Change Platform (TASC); and the Geneva Trade Platform in turn hosts the Forum on Trade Environment and SDGs (TESS).

The TASC Platform has continued to grow its audience and engagement on subjects related to the Future of Work - hosting 32 collaborative events with contributions from over 174 organizations; connecting a virtual community of over 1000 members and subscribers; and supporting 8 innovative collaboration and research projects, notably partnering with the International Labour Organization and the World Economic Forum, and dedicated its time towards supporting forward-looking discussions on issues that are central to the multilateral agenda, as well as some that are more novel for International Geneva.

GTP hosted a range of events of events, including Geneva Trade Week, conference on sustainable investment promotion, a seminar series on major intergovernmental reports and numerous networking, student empowerment and policy dialogue opportunities. It delivered direct capacity building programs to from South Korea and female trade experts from across Africa, continued to provide hosting and support to the TESS Forum and launched the Trade Law E-textbook to drastically reduce the price of studying trade law.

TESS continued to support the inclusive international cooperation and policy action necessary to align trade and trade policies with the urgent need for environmental

action, sustainable development, and just transitions. Among other achievements, TESS produced a report authored by an international legal expert group offering guidance on the design and implementation of trade-related climate measures and policies, supported the work of the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution in the UN-led plastics treaty negotiations, and contributed to discussions across the WTO on the achievement of concrete sustainability outcomes at the next ministerial conference. We also helped build the political support that led to the successful launch of the Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate, mobilized stakeholders on the trade dimensions of circular economy, and convened discussions on fostering access to environmental technologies in developing countries.

CTEI and its directors published 22 papers, articles, books, and working papers. We hosted 88 events, including 2 Major conferences (Geneva Trade Week, The Future of Work Summit) reaching close to 3000 people.

CTEI provided professional training and student engagement through the following main activities: a fully digital version of a Trade Law Casebook; a course where students were empowered with practical skills and tasked to parse and summarize key trade reports into briefings for real world beneficiaries; an immersive **Joint University Study Tour** for students interested in trade from all over the world; two multi-day symposiums for the civil servants of South Korea; Trade Lab projects; and an internship with the Permanent Mission of India to the WTO and the Centre for Trade and Investment Law at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi (CTIL).

CTEI continues to be highly engaged with a broad range of actors in Geneva and beyond, including through the platforms and forum it hosts, collaborating across events, research, and other types of activities.



**2 Platforms
&
1 Forum**

**16 active
projets
& 22 papers**

**88 events
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STAFFING OF THE CENTRE

In 2023, CTEI employed 27 staff (part and full time), had two associated professors, and nine affiliated fellows.

Professors Joost Pauwelyn and Richard Baldwin were the co-directors of the Centre, until 31st of August, after which Professor Baldwin left the Centre and Professor Pauwelyn remained as the director. Tamara Pironnet, remains the Managing Director at 20%. They were supported by Susana Munari until May, and then by Reynaldo Marqueses as Project Communication and Event Logistics Coordinators (80%). Professor Cedric Dupont and Assistant Professor Julia Cajal remain affiliated to the Centre.

In addition, Joost Pauwelyn and Richard Baldwin direct the strategic aspects of the Geneva Trade Platform (GTP), and Richard Baldwin and Cédric Dupont are co-chairs of the Thinking Ahead on Societal Change (TASC) Platform.

Moreover, each platform has its own Executive Director and Board of Advisors. Executive Director, Dmitry Grozoubinski (80%), directs the GTP platform, while Executive Director Kithrona Cerri (80%) directs the TASC Platform. Joanita Kalibala is the Events and Communications Manager (40%) for the TASC Platform and 40% for the GTP. Joan Heisig-Okitoi (50%) is the Communication Officer for GTP and Michelle Olguin Flückiger (50%) was Research and Communication Officer

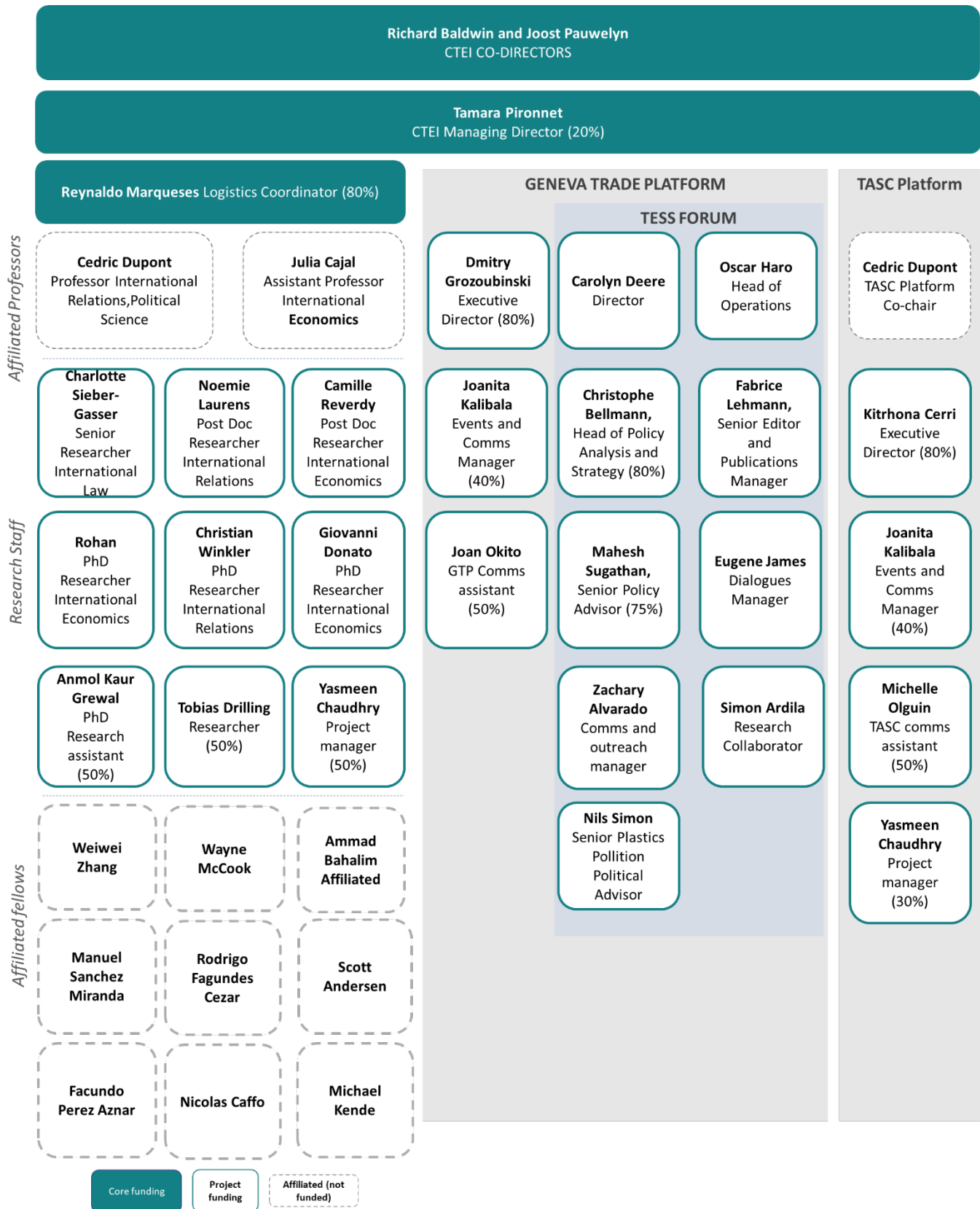
for TASC Platform. The TASC Platform has also been supported by a Siny colleague.

The Forum on Trade Environment and SDGs (TESS Forum) is managed by Director Carolyn Deere and the team includes Christophe Bellmann Head of Policy Analysis and Strategy, Oscar Haro Head of Operations, Mahesh Sugathan Senior Policy Advisor, Fabrice Lehmann Senior Editor and Publications Manager, Zachary Alexander Alvarado Communications and Outreach Manager, Simon Ardila Research Collaborator, Eugene James Dialogues Manager, and Nils Simon Senior Plastics Pollution Political Advisor.

CTEI's interdisciplinary Sinergia research project is implemented together with Senior Researcher Charlotte Sieber-Gasser, Post-doc Noémi Laurens Post-doc Camille Reverdy and Research Assistants Giovanni Donato, Rohan, and Christian Winkler.

In addition, CTEI hired Anmol Kaur (50%), Tobias Drilling (50%) and Yasmien Chahudry (80%) for 5-7 months to complete two research projects. Finally, Wayne McCook, Ammad Bahalim, Dr. Weiwei Zhang, Rodrigo Fagundes Cezar, Scott Andersen, Manuel Sanchez Miranda, Facundo Pérez Aznar, and Nicolás Caffo are affiliated to CTEI as fellows.

The figure below provides an overview of CTEI's staffing, associates, and fellows in 2023.



RESEARCH PROJECTS

In 2023, CTEI had over 16 active projects.

Research projects

Making Trade Agreements Work in The Service of Society

Richard Baldwin, Joost Pauwelyn, Cedric Dupont, Sep 2022 – Aug 2024 (4 years); SNSF Sinergia; Competitive;

International trade agreements typically benefit the national welfare of the nations that sign them. However, they also generate economic displacements as well as negative social and environmental spill-overs. The traditional approach to address these negative spill-overs has been to rely on domestic flanking policies, which are de-linked from the trade agreement itself.

This approach, however, has not always worked well. Too often trade has been liberalized internationally, but domestic lawmakers have failed to enact the needed measures to address economic disruptions and spill-over effects on the environment and society.

Finding politically realistic and socially effective strategies would enable the gains of trade to materialize with the appropriate re-distribution and corrective mechanisms in place. Detecting novel ways of how to maintain both trade liberalization and the necessary adjustments have the potential of reshaping the way future international trade agreements are developed.

International buyers, suppliers' performance and workers' outcomes in the garment sector in Bangladesh

Julia Cajal, Feb 2022 – April 2023 (1.2 years); London School of Economics; Non-Competitive;

Multinational corporation (MNC) buyers play key roles in global value chains (Antràs and Chor, 2021).

The academic literature establishes that international buyers adopt varied procurement strategies: some adopt more “relational” strategies, in which they pay higher mark-ups to suppliers, while others adopt “spot” sourcing strategies, in which they pay lower mark-ups (Cajal Grossi et al, 2022).

Relational sourcing provides higher rents to suppliers, but to what extent workers employed by these suppliers benefit from buyers’ relational strategies is an open question. In this project, we make progress on this question by developing a research agenda on this topic in the context of Bangladesh’s participation in the global supply chain for apparel.

Export Shocks and Urban Labor Markets: Evidence from the Ready-Made Garment Sector in Bangladesh

Julia Cajal, Feb 2022 – April 2023 (1.2 years); London School of Economics;

The ready-made garment sector in Bangladesh accounts for over 80% of the country’s export earnings and it is one of the largest employers in the urban, formal sector. Fueled by an ever-expanding foreign demand, it has grown at an annual rate of 11% for over a decade, prior to the pandemic.

Despite this trajectory, the conditions in the labor market have lagged behind: the gender wage gap is large and the promotion of women remains stagnant (Menzel and Woodruff 2021, Macchiavello et al 2021), extreme urban poverty is on the rise (BBS, 2016), and there are large

disparities in wages and working conditions across plants (Boudreau et al 2020, Labor Force Survey 2017).

What is preventing the labor market from reaping the benefits of the success of the export sector? This project studies spatial frictions as a barrier to labor market adjustments, necessary for the improvement of working conditions and welfare. The project builds on very rich data.

First, we leverage a high-frequency (weekly) survey of about 1,500 garment workers. This extremely detailed database provides 200,000 datapoints of a “real-time observatory” of garment workers over the last 3.5 years.

Second, we exploit customs records of all exports from ready-made garment plants, to construct location-specific export shocks. The main contribution of this research is to explain how these export shocks to local labor markets spread over space and induce (or not) workers’ mobility.

The Era of Change: Together for a Foresighted Tomorrow

Kitrhona Cerri; Nov 2022 – June 2023 (8 months); HORIZON Group / Royal Commission for Riyadh City; Non-competitive;

Research, interviews and foresight workshops as part of a foresight series to inform the RCRC bid to host the World Expo 2030. Resulted in 2 papers (publication pending): Towards an Inclusive World; and Access, Equality & Opportunity.

FAO; FAO / Dialogues on Trade, Agriculture and Fisheries

Dmitry Grozoubski; Dec 2021 – March 2023 (1.4 years); FAO;

Throughout 2022, the Geneva Trade Platform and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) collaborated on a series of research backed events exploring the nexus between sustainability and agriculture, and exploring innovative ways the multilateral trading system could support positive change. This project looked at areas as diverse as LDC participation in global agricultural trade, the possibilities offered by digitalisation and what the global community could do to better channel subsidies in sustainable directions. A particular highlight of the project was a student hackathon, which challenged student teams from all over the world to conceptualize an app which could support farmers, or agricultural policymakers in improving their sustainability. The winning team, which featured a student from the Graduate Institute, would go on to present their prototype at an FAO webinar in 2023.

Trade and Labour Programme

Kitrhona Cerri, Maria Mexi; July 2023 – October 2025 (27 months); Laudes Foundation and World Economic Forum; Non-competitive;

A 2-year programme undertaken by the TASC Platform and the Trade and Investment Team of the World Economic Forum and funded by Laudes Foundation. The programme covers stakeholder engagement, interviews, events and country case studies to understand how trade agreements, domestic legislation and alternative governance mechanisms like global framework agreements have been working in practice to improve labour outcomes in global supply chains. Findings will be consolidated in a policy paper and shared with a multi-stakeholder audience at a series of multilateral fora.

Unlocking Telework for Refugees

Richard Baldwin, March 2023-October 2023, Sergey Popov, CHF 63,500, Non competitive

Research, workshop series and policy paper on how to support virtual employment of Ukrainian (and other) refugees in Switzerland and beyond.

Does gravity matter for trade in intermediate services?

Richard Baldwin, March 2023-October 2023, Sergey Popov, CHF 26,300, Non competitive

This paper makes a twofold contribution to the literature on trade in services. First, it constructs a novel bilateral dataset of trade in services differentiating between final consumption and intermediate consumption following the most recent classification of UN's Broad Economic Categories (BEC Rev. 5). Second, it uses this dataset to estimate a gravity model of trade in intermediate and final services for a sample of 48 economies for the time period 2010-2019.

Other projects and mandates

Our Future Life: A Global Exploration of Our Shared Future (TASC)

Cedric Dupont, Kitrhona Cerri; May 2022 – ongoing; A joint exploration involving XPRIZE, Arizona State University, World Economic Forum, GESDA, ITU, RSA and others;

Our Future Life is a new initiative working to create the world's most inclusive brainstorm on our shared future - a global challenge to share visions of the future with the world through the creation of short videos and films. The founding group of Our Future Life aim to put insights from our collective imagination into the hands of

policymakers, decision-makers, creators and future shapers of all kinds.

Futures Balance

Cedric Dupont, Kitrhona Cerri; September 2023 – ongoing; United Nations SDG Lab, CHF N/A

Contributing to the ideation and creation of a new accountability and planning tool for long-term sustainability, prosperity, and well-being, anchored in the principle of intergenerational equity. The TASC Platform supported a Geneva Graduate Institute Advanced Research Project: Towards a new social contract of sustainable development for future generations, and conducted a series of scoping workshops for this new initiative in the run-up to the Summit of the Future.

Women Leading Well

Melissa Pitotti, Kitrhona Cerri; October 2023 – Ongoing; Plan International, International Gender Champions; Fidelity Workplace Solutions;

The TASC Platform supported the scoping of an initial leadership exchange, peer learning and a community of practice of women leaders in humanitarian organizations, with the aim of facilitating longitudinal study on behaviour and organizational change. The initiative builds on research and publications of CHS [Alliance](#):

The following activities have been implemented by TESS in collaboration with:

French Ministry of Economy and Finance Carolyn Deere Birkbeck, April 2021 – Dec 2023, EUR; Non-Competitive

Quadrature Capital Foundation Carolyn Deere Birkbeck, August 2021 – July 2024; Non-Competitive

Raising the Profile of Environmental Sustainability at the WTO

TESS has established itself as a key convener and thought leader on trade, environment, and sustainable development raising the profile of environment and sustainable development priorities at the World Trade Organization (WTO), including the importance of climate action, thereby contributing to renewed momentum around trade and sustainability issues at the multilateral level. TESS has built a reputation as a neutral, trusted, and credible partner that curates timely information and puts forward concrete ideas and policy options in discussions of TESSD, the Dialogue on Plastic Pollution and the initiative on Fossil Fuel Subsidies reform, and supports engagement in the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment. TESS has also supported dialogue between policymakers, researchers and civil society, both in Geneva and beyond, as well as between the trade and environment policy communities on the sustainability agenda at the WTO.

Supporting Work on Environment & Sustainability WTO and in new WTO Initiatives

TESS has played an active leadership role in securing and sustaining meaningful engagement of WTO members on the importance of environment and sustainable development.

Throughout 2022, TESS has made significant contributions to the member-led Trade and Environmental Sustainability Structured Discussions (TESSD) as well as the Dialogue on Plastic Pollution (DPP). TESS has participated actively in both processes, including through prepared statements on overarching priorities and concrete options for ways forward. Alongside, TESS is engaged in a programme of work to

support specific outcomes from the TESSD working group on issues of climate, including on principles for trade-related climate measures. TESS has actively supported the facilitators of each of the working groups established under TESSD and has facilitated informal discussions that have supported progress. TESS hosted and informed expert discussions on critical issues on WTO agenda, including circular economy, fossil fuel subsidies reform, trade in

environmental goods and services, and sustainable agriculture, including two-day deep dives on the latter two topics. TESS support for the DPP process is discussed below.

Facilitating Developing Country Engagement on Trade and Sustainability

TESS has continued to support the engagement of developing countries on the trade, environment, and sustainable development interface and their efforts to shape the agenda for international deliberations. This work has involved providing concrete inputs and identifying strategic opportunities to foster inclusive international cooperation and action on trade and climate through the effective participation of developing countries. TESS capitalized on the Eighth Global Review of Aid for Trade in July 2022 to explore how best to incorporate environmental priorities into the aid for trade work programme in a manner aligned with developing country needs, including through enhanced assistance on trade-related aspects of climate mitigation and adaptation. Publications were released to inform these efforts. More generally, TESS has worked behind the scenes to build trust with like-minded developing country delegations through a series of informal breakfast conversations attended by an average of 20

developing country delegations, as well as events at the technical and political level bringing together both developed and developing countries. This process has provided a valuable informal setting for these delegations to exchange views, build shared understandings, and review opportunities for a positive developing country agenda on trade and environmental sustainability. Informal TESS dialogues on trade, environment and sustainable development have also proven useful settings for building trust and cooperation among delegations and experts on environment-related issues in the multilateral trading system. TESS was invited to provide a number of briefings over the year to groups of developing countries on the state of play on trade and environment issues at the WTO, as well as on relevance and implications for them.

European Climate Foundation, Climate change adaptation and mitigation activities Carolyn Deere Birkbeck, November 2022 – October 2024; Non-Competitive

Supporting the Launch of a Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate

TESS has successfully provided intensive assistance to the co-leads of the Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate to support the launch of the Coalition in Davos in January 2023. The rationale behind an inclusive ministerial-level coalition is that it can provide a much-needed focal point for efforts to ensure trade and trade policy work for climate mitigation and adaptation. It can also act as a vehicle for cooperation to ensure climate actions do not unnecessarily harm trade, unfairly burden developing countries, or exacerbate trade tensions. On the margins of MC12, TESS played a pivotal role in mobilizing a trade ministers' breakfast dialogue on trade, climate, and

sustainable development (Trade Ministers' breakfast discussion on trade, climate, and sustainable development, 13 June 2022), where co-hosts Ecuador, the European Union, Kenya, and New Zealand shared their joint vision of forging a Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate Action. The Coalition was subsequently launched on 19 January 2023 on the side-lines of the World Economic Forum in Davos. In both instances, TESS provided extensive logistical support for the Coalition in constant liaison with and under guidance of the co-leads, including outreach to potential members, creation of the Coalition website and social media accounts, managing the Coalition email and communication with members on their behalf, and moderated the MC12 breakfast and the launch event. TESS is well positioned to play an ongoing support role if requested by the co-leads.

Promoting Regional Perspectives on Climate and Trade Intersections

To date, the debate on the trade and climate change interface has largely been driven by the concerns of advanced economies. To reframe this discussion, TESS has supported the articulation of developing country regional priorities on trade and climate change adaptation and mitigation for a positive agenda of developing countries on trade and climate in multilateral discussions. Through this work—conducted through convening dialogues with regional partners involving relevant stakeholders and commissioning a series of policy papers on regional perspectives from the Caribbean, South America, Southeast Asia, and sub-Saharan Africa as well as least developed countries—TESS has also fulfilled a key goal, which is to build and consolidate a network of climate and trade experts and stakeholders from developing countries.

Catalysing Dialogue on Principles for Trade-Related Climate Measures

Trade-related climate policies have an important role to play in facilitating a just and sustainable transition to a low-carbon economy, while supporting countries' efforts to adapt and build resilience to climate change. Depending on how these measures are designed, however, they may lead to trade tensions with potentially significant consequences for the multilateral trade system and wider cooperation vital for achieving climate ambition. There are also concerns that trade-related climate measures could further marginalize developing countries. Against this backdrop, TESS has brought together a geographically diverse group of top international law experts working on climate and trade issues to inform a process of dialogue and provide guidance on the design and implementation of trade-related climate measures, designed to feed into ongoing deliberations at the WTO in 2023.

Facilitators of the TESSD working group on trade and climate change have publicly suggested that elaborating such best practices or a checklist could be a working group outcome, thereby demonstrating the relevance and impact of TESS work.

Enhancing Understanding of Climate-Trade Opportunities and Challenges

Under the TESS dialogue series on Climate, trade, and sustainable development: Multilateral perspectives, an

important achievement has been to build bridges between trade and environment policy communities and processes by bringing high-level trade policymakers and experts to multilateral climate governance settings.

TESS was again present at the COP27 in November 2022, moderating a key high-level event bringing together leaders from UN agencies on the role of trade and trade policy in decarbonization. The dialogue series has also included a number of public briefings that aimed to update stakeholders on developments on climate and environment at the WTO, as well as an informal roundtable of a regionally diverse group of climate and trade experts alongside the 2022 WTO Public Forum. TESS's climate-related work has further included support for dialogue on issues of deforestation, sustainable agriculture and trade as well as technology transfer (discussed below).

The Pew Charitable Trusts, Plastic pollution

Carolyn Deere Birkbeck, May 2022 – September 2024;
Non-Competitive

Global Development Network > Evaluation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) on Africa's Biodiversity"

Carolyn Deere Birkbeck, February 2022 – March 2023;
Non-Competitive

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

In 2023, CTEI submitted 12 proposals, 11 of which were successful, one of which is pending

- **Trade and Labour Programme;** Kitrhona Cerri, Maria Mexi; July 2023 – October 2025 (27 months); Laudes Foundation and World Economic Forum; Non-competitive;
- **Sustainability standards and Switzerland-Brazil trade relations: Risks and Opportunities;** Charlotte Sieber Gasser; December 1 2023 – December 1 2024; Leading House for the Latin American Region; Non-Competitive; Successful
- **Digitalization, Sustainability and National Security in the New Geoeconomics Order;** Neha Mishra; Hamad Bin Khalifa University; 2024; Industrial Policy for Digital Development (IPDD) Project; Non-competitive; Successful
- **Supporting developing countries' development of national strategies and priorities at the nexus of trade, climate change, and sustainable development;** Carolyn Deere; from 01.11.2023 to 31.10.2027 Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Non-competitive; Successful
- **Fostering cooperation on sustainable agriculture and trade at the WTO;** Carolyn Deere; from 12.06.2023 to 30.06.2024; Australian Permanent Mission to the WTO; Non-competitive; Successful
- **Strengthening strategic collaboration among stakeholders and governments in support of the drafting and negotiation of an ambitious global plastics treaty;** Carolyn Deere; from 01.10.2023 to 30.06.2024; Minderoo Foundation; Non-competitive; Successful
- **Grant renewal to support and promote multilateral cooperation to align trade and trade policy with the urgent need for global action on the intersecting crises of climate, nature and pollution, informed by the UN Sustainable Development Goals;** Carolyn Deere; from 11.10.2023 to 10.10.2024; European Climate Foundation; Non-competitive; Successful
- **Supporting multilateral cooperation to develop a legally binding international instrument to end plastic pollution;** Carolyn Deere; from 02.05.2023 to 31.12.2023; Royal Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment; Non-competitive; Successful
- **Grant renewal for work to support multilateral cooperation to develop a legally binding international instrument to end plastic pollution;** Carolyn Deere; from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024; Royal Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment; Non-competitive; Successful
- **Supporting the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution Workshop, Geneva, 12-13 October 2023;** Carolyn Deere; European Commission; Monaco; Germany; Switzerland; Norway; Non-competitive; Successful
- **Supporting the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution Workshop, Kigali, 14-16 February 2024;** Carolyn Deere; European Commission; Monaco; Non-competitive; Successful
- **Supporting the work of the forum on Trade, Environment, & the SDGs (TESS);** Carolyn Deere; from 01.04.2024 to 31.12.2026; Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty of France; Pending

PLATFORMS

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Geneva Trade Platform

THE GENEVA TRADE PLATFORM

Richard Baldwin, Joost Pauwelyn; Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs; Phase 2 July 2022 – Dec 2023; Non-competitive

GTP translates international trade policy for a global audience, while supporting the policymaking process and conversation in Geneva.

The platform convenes meetings, curates information and provides technical capacity building programs for a range of partners. Its goal is to strengthen the trade policy conversation, make it more accessible to those impacted by it, and ensure it leaves no voice unheard.

The Platform combines the convening power, prestige, world-leading experts, engaged student body and resources of the Graduate Institute with an agile framework, the support of donors, and the collaboration

of partners

from across the public, private, non-profit and intergovernmental sectors.

The neutrality of its position within the Graduate Institute allows it to convene meetings on politically sensitive topics, while the depth of expertise it can draw on within the Institute and across its network ensures that conversations are informed, interesting and thought provoking.

Throughout 2023 the GTP hosted dozens of events, including Geneva Trade Week, a series of events magnifying the readership of flagship reports by major trade relevant intergovernmental organizations, and highly regarded sessions on some of the most impactful trade policy issues of the day such as carbon taxation and the future of trade wars.



TRANSLATING TRADE

IN
TURBULENT
TIMES

THINKING AHEAD ON SOCIETAL CHANGE PLATFORM (TASC)

Richard Baldwin, Cedric Dupont; Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs; Phase 2 July 2022 – Dec 2023; Non-competitive

The Thinking Ahead on Societal Change (TASC) Platform is an open forum where policymakers, businesses, researchers and civil society can come together to tackle some of the biggest universal challenges of the future. By providing a place for people to share perspective, connect visions and develop new solutions, TASC can bring the unknowns of the future into focus and act on them today.

As an Independent body supported by the Government of Switzerland and embedded in the Centre for Trade and Economic Integration (CTEI) of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, it leverages the latest thinking in the academic world and embrace a culture of openness, critical thinking, and global cooperation.

The TASC Platform has stepped in where there was a void and started creating a community of diverse organizations and individuals connected by their interest

in foresight, cooperation, and innovation to shape a fair and inclusive future of work.

Over 2023, the TASC Platform has continued to grow its audience and engagement on subjects related to the future of work - hosting 32 collaborative events (including the fourth Future of Work Summit) with contributions from over 174 organizations; connecting a virtual community of over 1000 members and subscribers; and mobilizing an additional in programme funding to support 8 innovative collaboration and research projects. We deepened relationships with key stakeholders, notably the International Labour Organization and the World Economic Forum, and dedicated our time towards supporting forward-looking discussions on issues that are central to the multilateral agenda, as well as some that are more novel for International Geneva.



THINKING AHEAD
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THE TESS PLATFORM

Carolyn Deere; Multiple donors (Australia, France, Norway, European Climate Foundation, Minderoo, Pew, Quadrature Climate Fund, UNEP) Jun 2021- Dec 2023 Competitive and non-competitive

TESS was launched in 2021 to support a global trading system that effectively addresses global environmental crises and advances the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

To foster inclusive international cooperation and action on trade and sustainability, our activities seek to catalyse inclusive, evidence-based, and solutions-oriented dialogue and policymaking, connect the dots between policy communities, provide thought leadership on priorities and policy options, and inspire governments and stakeholders to take meaningful action.

Our work is organized around four core themes—climate crisis, natural environment, plastic pollution, circular economy—reflecting the triple planetary crises of climate change, nature loss, and pollution, as well as a number of specific policy areas responding to evolving and emerging policy developments. Alongside, TESS is engaged in several initiatives that respond to strategic policy opportunities and works consistently to foster engagement with a diverse range of experts from all regions, focusing in particular on ensuring representation of developing country voices in international agenda-setting on trade and sustainability, and partnerships with international organisations, stakeholders, universities, academics and think tanks based in International Geneva and around the world.



2023 highlights

- TESS play a pivotal role in launching the **Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate**, bringing together ministers from 60 countries from all regions, levels of development, trade circumstances, and climate vulnerabilities. At the request of the co-leads, TESS has been actively supporting coalition activities and was announced as the Secretariat in early 2024.
- In 2023, TESS was contracted to support the Secretariat function of the **High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution**, which has 64 members from a broad diversity of regions and levels of economic development. This inter-governmental coalition is committed to developing an ambitious legally binding instrument as negotiations on a global plastics treaty advance.
- The **International Legal Expert Group on Trade-Related Climate Measures and Policies**, convened by TESS in 2022, issued a seminal report in 2023 on *Principles of international law relevant for consideration in the design and implementation of trade-related climate measures and policies*. The Expert group engaged a diverse group of eminent international legal scholars, and has attracted interest and traction among a broad range of governments and stakeholders.
- In 2023, TESS further mobilized leading experts from international organisations, universities, think tanks and stakeholder organisations active in the trade,

environment, and sustainable development communities in two international expert groups on (i) circular economy and (ii) environmentally harmful agricultural subsidies. In 2024, these experts' groups will issue reports providing guidance to policymakers and stakeholders.

- TESS further strengthened over the year its leadership role in **informing and supporting work at the World Trade Organization** on the sustainability agenda. TESS has established itself as one of the key conveners and thought leaders in the multilateral context on trade, environment, and sustainable development, where we focus on supporting important policymaking processes, including the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment as well as member-led initiatives, such as the Dialogue on Plastic Pollution and on the Trade and Environmental Sustainability Structured Discussions (TESSD).
- TESS was regularly invited to offer **ideas and advice** on issues of trade, environment, and sustainable development, especially on opportunities for multilateral cooperation, including at major international gatherings such as the 2023 UN Climate Change Conference (COP28), the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, and the plastics treaty negotiations, among others.

- In 2023, TESS organized 50 policy dialogues and published 11 policy papers. During the year, TESS launched a new website to strengthen its digital offering as well as a new blog called **Synergies** dedicated to promoting inclusive policy dialogue at the intersection of trade, environment, and sustainable development. The blog featured articles from renowned experts and leading academics from around the world, and will expand in 2024 with a vibrant series of contributions on *'Reviving Multilateralism,'* focusing on moving from vision to practice on trade and sustainability.
- In International Geneva, TESS is recognised as a critical, unique and trusted convenor of issues of trade and sustainability, capable of bringing together diverse perspectives at all levels of seniority (from Ministers to Ambassadors and technical experts, senior academics and students) to explore ways forward on shared public policy objectives, recognising both the urgency and complexity of making progress that is ambitious and fair on a range of topics. TESS is proud to have employed a number of current Geneva Graduate Institute students as well as alumni on its team.

**For inclusive international
cooperation and action on
trade and sustainability**

PUBLICATIONS

In 2023 CTEI and its directors have published 22 papers, articles, book chapters, and working papers.

E-books:

- International Trade Law: A Casebook for a System in Crisis
 - Authors: Joost Pauwelyn, Henry Gao, Jennifer Hillman, Nicolas Lamp Platform
 - In: Beyond Trade Network, <https://btn.genevatradeplatform.org/spaces/5853843/content>

Published articles:

- The WTO's Multi-Party Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement (MPIA): What's New?
 - Authors: Joost Pauwelyn
 - In: 22 World Trade Review (2023) 693-701
- Taking Stakeholder Engagement in International Policy-Making Seriously: Is the WTO Finally Opening-Up?
 - Authors: Joost Pauwelyn
 - In: 26 Journal of International Economic Law (2023) 51-65
- Are WTO rulings biased? the role of institutional design in protecting judicial autonomy
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- Does gravity matter for trade in intermediate services?
 - Authors: Anmol Kaur Grewal
- Foreign linkages, innovation & productivity evidence from enterprise surveys
 - Authors: Anmol Kaur Grewal
- The anti-circumvention instruments another roadblock on the investment development path?
 - Authors: Weihuan Zhou, Victor Crochet
- The Conundrum of the Essential Security Exception: can the WTO resolve the GATT Article XXI crisis and save the dispute settlement mechanism?
 - Authors: Stephen Kho, Yujin McNamara, Sarah Kirwin, Brooke Davies
- Unlocking Telework for Refugees – Eight multisector policy recommendations
 - Authors: Tobias Drilling, Yasmeen Chaudhry

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- Addressing the Climate Technology Gap Through Effective Technology Transfer - On pathways to enhance international cooperation on the transfer of climate-related technologies.
 - Authors: Vicente Paolo Yu 13 December 2023
- Options for Trade-Related Cooperation on Problematic and Avoidable Plastics: Building on Existing Experiences with Single-Use Plastics - On options for trade-related cooperation and policy action to reduce or eliminate single-use plastics.
 - Authors: Mahesh Sugathan & Carolyn Deere Birkbeck 14 November 2023
- Standards and Related Initiatives in International Cooperation to End Plastic Pollution: Mapping and State of Play - On the role that international cooperation on standards can play in supporting global efforts to end plastic pollution.
 - Authors: Carolyn Deere Birkbeck, Mahesh Sugathan, Sophie Boinnard, Valeriia Grekova, & Belinda Cleeland 28 September 2023
- Principles of International Law Relevant for Consideration in the Design and Implementation of Trade-Related Climate Measures and Policies - Expert group report offering guidance on the design and implementation of trade-related climate measures and policies.
 - Authors: International Legal Expert Group on Trade-Related Climate Measures and Policies 13 September 2023
- Sustainability Standards and Requirements for Agriculture: International Trade Considerations - On the evolving landscape of sustainability requirements for agriculture and related international trade considerations
 - Authors: UNEP & ITC 13 September 2023
- Trends in Trade Flows Across the Life Cycle of Plastics: Preliminary Review - A review of trends in trade flows across the life cycle of plastics.
 - Authors: Carolyn Deere Birkbeck, Diana Barrowclough, Mahesh Sugathan, Christophe Bellmann, & Leonardo Souza Campos Rodrigues 25 May 2023
- Nature-Positive Trade for Sustainable Development - A mutually supportive vision for biodiversity, sustainable trade, and sustainable development.
 - Authors: Marianne Kettunen 10 March 2023
- Trade and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Latin America: A Framework for International Cooperation - Key issues at the intersection of trade, climate, and sustainable development from a Latin American perspective.
 - Authors: Lorena Palomo Parada 22 February 2023
- Trade-Related Climate Priorities for CARICOM at the World Trade Organization - Key issues at the intersection of trade, climate, and sustainable development from a Caribbean perspective.
 - Authors: Jan Yves Remy 30 January 2023
- A Southeast Asian Perspective on Trade and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation - Key issues at the intersection of trade, climate, and sustainable development from a Southeast Asian perspective.
 - Authors: Alice Pham 12 January 2023
- Sustainable Supply Chains and Deforestation: The Landscape of Trade Policy - Initiatives and Emerging Issues - Summary of the trade related aspects linked to sustainable supply chains and deforestation.

EVENTS

In 2023, CTEI hosted over 88 events, including 2 Major conferences, reaching close to 3000 people. The table below provides an overview of all events:

THE FOW SUMMIT – 6-8 JUNE



The Future of Work Summit 2023 united a diverse array of stakeholders, from policymakers to businesses, researchers, civil society, and youth, all with a strong emphasis on social justice in shaping the future of work. This event, held alongside the 111th Session of the International Labour Conference (ILC), mirrored the key topics of the ILC and sought to shed light on concerns at the forefront of the multilateral agenda for the future of work.

Themes Covered:

1. The Lens of Social Justice: Future of Work Roundtables: Exclusive discussions with leading experts aimed to integrate social justice principles into the future of work agenda through futures and systems thinking. A Fresh Take on the Future: Explored the transformative power of the International Labour Organization's social justice focus on reshaping our perspective on the future of work.
2. Just Transitions: Just Transitions: Working Through Transformative Times: Addressed adapting policies and practices to prioritize

fairness and inclusivity in the shift to sustainable economies.

Breakout Sessions: Collaborated with influential organizations like the World Economic Forum, PwC, UNRISD, and others, to delve into topics such as trade policy's role, sustainability ecosystems, and regenerative economic systems.

3. Pathways to Work: Opening New Options and Opportunities: Tackled creating adaptive and inclusive pathways to work for diverse groups in the face of technological, demographic, climate, and geopolitical changes.

Breakout Session on Telework for Refugees: Explored telework as a means of labour market inclusion for refugees in partnership with the Geneva Trade Platform and the Center for Trade and Economic Integration.

Creative Virtual Space: Provided participants with hands-on experiences of cutting-edge technology.

4. Social Protection & Artificial Intelligence: Preparing for the Age of AI: Examined the impact of rapid AI evolution on the workforce, focusing on vulnerable groups and social protection.

Throughout the summit, the overarching theme of social justice served as a guiding principle, fostering discussions, actions, and innovations that promoted fairness, equity, and sustainability in the evolving landscape of work. The diverse range of sessions and

topics underscored a collective commitment to shaping a more just and inclusive future of work.

With 14 sessions and 60 panelists, the Conference hosted over 700 participants across its sessions.

THE GENEVA TRADE WEEK 26 – 29 SEPT



Geneva Trade Week (GTW) 2023 again focused on supplementing the experience of those attending the WTO Public Forum with trade relevant events and activities that complement those provided by the WTO itself.

The 2023 GTW marked a significant transition for the GTP, as it was the first 'Week' to be significantly

integrated with the work of the WTO Secretariat and the WTO Public Forum. The Week featured a range of events within the formal WTO program, including a meeting between trade and peace negotiators, the first ever student trade debate and a reception commemorating TradeLab's 10th anniversary.

The opening day saw another successful collaboration with the TESS Forum, featuring a discussion about actioning trade policy for sustainability including seven Ambassadors and two senior officials from international organizations in Geneva. It also featured a discussion about bridging intersectional difficulties, in partnership with the TASC Platform and Geneva Health Hub.

In line with strong demand, the GTP was able to secure external funding for three receptions across the Week, partnering with CropLife International, CUTS International and the TESS Forum to bring attendees from across the world together.

DATE	TITLE	PLATFORM	ATTENDEES
02.02.2023	Webinar - Trade and Climate Action: Shifting the Paradigm for a Just Transition and Sustainable Development	TESS	270
10.02.2023	Ambassadors' Breakfast Dialogue on plastic pollution (Ambassador +1)	TESS	18
10.02.2023	WTO Informal Dialogue on Plastics Pollution and Environmentally Sustainable Plastics Trade (IDP) Stakeholders Meeting	TESS	22
13.02.2023	Tentative: GTA (TPR Workshop - Japan)	GTP	
14.02.2023	Tentative: GTA (TPR Workshop - Turkey)	GTP	
15.02.2023	GIELS event	GIELS	
15.02.2023	Informal Developing Country Delegations' Breakfast on trade, environment & sustainable development	TESS	24
17.02.2023	TESS Steering Committee	TESS	
22.02.2023	Promoting Sustainable Investment and Green Trade: The Swiss Perspective	GTP	
27.02.2023	Seminar GTDW - Harvard University	GTDW	
01.03.2023	Coalition Co-leads Stocktaking Lunch Meeting	TESS	7
01.03.2023	Informal Discussion with Coalition members to debrief on launch and next steps	TESS	18
01.03.2023	Coalition Co-leads planning meeting	TESS	7
02.03.2023	Informal Discussion with Coalition members to debrief on launch and next steps	TESS	14
02.03.2023	Informal Discussion with Geneva-based stakeholders (expert level)	TESS	11
02.03.2023	Information Lunch Meeting at working level with relevant Geneva-based IGO staff.	TESS	17
02.03.2023	Debriefing and next steps among co-leads	TESS	6
14.03.2023	Nature-positive trade for sustainable development: How can trade-related policies and measures support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework?	TESS	63
17.03.2023	Environmental Goods and Services Meeting with UK Mission and some others	TESS	
24.03.2023	Roundtable on Trade and the Circular Economy in the Textiles and Clothing Sector	TESS	29
24.03.2023	Minderoo Monaco Commission Report Roundtable Discussion	TESS	52
29.03.2023	Precis: World Trade Organization (WTO): 2022 World Trade Report – Climate Change and International Trade	CTEI	36
29.03.2023	Deep Dive Roundtable on Plastics	TESS	49
04.04.2023	Model WTO x IHEID	CTEI	100
04.04.2023	The trade effects of government-backed voluntary certifications: The case of Bonsucro-RED certification in Brazil	CTEI	11
19.04.2023	Precis: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD): 2022 Trade and Development Report	GTP	10
25.04.2023	US Trade and International Economic Policy 2023: A New Approach	GTP	93
26.04.2023	Précis event: IMF World Economic Outlook Report	CTEI	19
27.04.2023	Roundtable on Climate Change and Trade: Between Ambition and Fairness	TESS	20
28.04.2023	Roundtable on trade and deforestation: options for enhanced and inclusive international cooperation	TESS	23
02.05.2023	Global Tax Roundtable - with Prof. Itai Grinberg	GTP	24

02.05.2023	GLOBAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: WHAT NEXT FOR GLOBALIZATION?	TASC	25
02.05.2023	The Growth Summit: Jobs and Opportunity for All	TASC	25
03.05.2023	Précis: World Bank: Distributional Impacts of Trade Report	GTP	16
03.05.2023	Informal Developing Country Delegations' Breakfast on trade, environment & sustainable development	TESS	21
04.05.2023	UNEP-TESS Strategic Meeting: Evolving landscape and opportunities at the nexus of environment and trade	TESS	8
11.05.2023	China's State-owned enterprises and the world trading system with Prof. Henry Gao	GTP	10
17.05.2023	Précis International Trade Centre (ITC): 2022 SME Competitiveness Outlook Report	CTEI	
23.05.2023	Informal breakfast preparations for the Dialogue on Plastics Pollution	TESS	6
23.05.2023	Roundtable on trade and sustainability requirements and standards in agriculture: options for enhanced international cooperation	TESS	27
5 - 9/06/2023	Joint University Study Tour 8 June 2023 at the Institute	CTEI	100
6-8/06/2023	FOW23 Summit	TASC	455
12.06.2023	Remaking Trade Project: Legal and Organizational Structures- CANCELLED	CTEI	
12.06.2023	Meeting of Coalition and Invited Members	TESS	17
13.06.2023	Focal Point Meeting	TESS	32
14.06.2023	Panel on "Principles for the Consideration in the Design and Implementation of Trade-Related Climate Measures and Policies,	TESS	80
14 - 15 June	John H Jackson Moot Court Competition	CTEI	
23.06.2023	Displacement, Digital Rights, and Practices of Inclusion	TASC	20
05.07.2023	IMAGINING THE FUTURE OF WORK IN AN AI-DRIVEN WORLD	TASC	80
13.07.2023	Social Justice and the Future of the ILO	TASC	86
05.09.2023	WTO processes on environment, development, technology transfer: discussion on interlinkages	TESS	13
06.09.2023	First virtual meeting of the Expert Group on Circular Economy	TESS	24
11.09.2023	Geneva Trade Week Opening Plenary: The Role of Trade and Trade Policy in Advancing Action on the SDGs: How to Boost Coherence and Cooperation?	TESS	257
13.09.2023	Geneva Trade Week: Breakfast Discussion on Climate and Trade	TESS	26
14.09.2023	Trade-related Climate Measures: Principles for Design & Implementation	TESS	51
14.09.2023	Advancing Inclusive Cooperation on Trade & Climate	TESS	100
05.10.2023	Focal points meeting	TESS	20
11.10.2023	Global Health Challenges: Can investors and civil society work together?	GTP	?
16.10.2023	Whole body leadership	TASC	12
17.10.2023	Women in Humanitarian Leadership: Strategies and Solidarity	TASC	24
17.10.2023	Developing countries breakfast	TESS	10
20.10.2023	Senior Officials meeting	TESS	68
25.10.2023	Whole body leadership	TASC	12

27.10.2023	Expert Meeting: WTO Conciliation and Mediation Discussion	GTP	
27.10.2023	Expert Group on trade and circular economy	TESS	15
01.11.2023	Whole body leadership	TASC	13
03.11.2023	Advancing Development During the Scramble for Critical Raw Materials	GTP	17
06.11.2023	Information Session - Mediation and Conciliation (WTO)	GTP	
09.11.2023	SIRM Forum 2023: Workshop on AI and Future of Work	TASC	101
11 - 14 Septembre	GTW23	GTP	
11.11.2023	Informal roundtable on financing and means of implementation	TESS	23
12.11.2023	Informal roundtable on plastic polymer production	TESS	24
13.11.2023	Informal roundtable on plastic polymer production	TESS	19
14.11.2023	Informal roundtable on financing and means of implementation	TESS	10
17.11.2023	Ambassadors breakfast discussion on sustainable trade & TESS	TESS	11
17.11.2023	Informal roundtable: Possible options and pathways to address environmentally harmful agricultural subsidies in the WTO	TESS	17
22.11.2023	Whole body leadership	TASC	12
28.11.2023	Trade Tools for Better Labour Outcomes Breakfast Workshop	TASC	25
28 and 30.11.2023	Korean Training	GTP	15
30.11.2023	COFRA CoP meeting	TASC	12
03.12.2023	Expanding South-South Trade in Low Carbon Technologies for development and resilience	TESS	
03.12.2023	A Trade Contribution to the Global Climate Agenda - Perspectives from the Global Climate Community on Priorities for Cooperation by Trade Ministers	TESS	
03.12.2023	The Climate Impact of Plastic Production - The Road to a Global Plastics Treaty	TESS	
05.12.2023	Mitigating Climate Change with trade-related regulation	TESS	
06.12.2023	UNCTAD e-commerce week: Digital Economy Agreements and the Future of Digital Trade Rulemaking	GTP	N/A
07.12.2023	Green Industrial Subsidies and Sustainable Development: Prospects for Enhanced International Cooperation	TESS	20
07.12.2023	Green Industrial Subsidies and Climate Action: Does the international subsidy rulebook need an environmental exception?	TESS	16
12 to 13 December	HAC workshop	TESS	70
TOTAL	88		2988

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

The Centre for Trade and Economic Integration, Platforms underneath and the TESS Forum provide a range of opportunities for IHEID students to gain valuable experience at high level events, network with luminaries, diplomats and experts from around the world and to contribute to research, analysis and communication products. Our staff provide training and guidance for students to empower them to support our various projects, while gaining hands-on experience in international policy, economics and development. Students working with CTEI have engaged directly with Ministers, planned and executed conferences, undertaken research, learned videography and event audio, and taken the stage at events with a global audience. Through their collaboration with CTEI, many of these students have subsequently secured sought after internships and entry level positions within the international system, prestigious law firms and development organizations.

TRADE LAW CASEBOOK

In 2021 CTEI, through its Geneva Trade Platform, began work on a fully digital version of a [Trade Law Casebook](#) which would allow students in developing countries to

study trade law without buying a book that can retail at over 200 USD. This book has now been published online and is freely accessible to all that sign up to the free Beyond Trade Network social platform.¹ At well over 1,000 learners already, it has proven itself significantly in-demand and we believe it will continue to do so. A range of Universities are picking it up as their main textbook, including (but not limited to) the following: Brooklyn Law School (US); Columbia University (US); Duke Law (US); Georgetown Law (US); IHEID (Switzerland); Singapore Management University (Singapore); London School of Economics (UK); Prince Sultan University (Saudi Arabia); Queen's University (Canada); Sheffield University (United Kingdom); Strathmore University (Kenya); University of Otago (New Zealand); Tufts (US); Universidad de los Andes (Colombia); University of Ottawa (Canada); University of Papua New Guinea (PNG); University of Wisconsin-Madison (US). The book will now be translated into Mandarin, Spanish and possibly other languages.

PRECIS COURSE

Geneva is home to the headquarters and representations of some of the world's foremost analytical and research organizations, the trade related flagship reports of which represent the combined efforts of dozens of leading scholars. Meanwhile, in private practice, civil service and

community to meet, exchange ideas, and form sub-communities of practice.

¹ The BTN is a selective social network specifically for trade policy professionals, trade policy stakeholders and trade policy students - hosted on the [Mighty Networks](#) platform. It was created by the Geneva Trade Platform in 2020 to serve as a place for the trade policy

in the halls of the international system, employers are looking for staff capable of sifting the firehose of information at all of our fingertips for nuggets of relevance and genuine insight. This course combined these two elements by inviting representatives from the World Trade Organization, World Bank, International Trade Centre and UNCTAD to present and explain one of their key reports from the last year to an open session at the Graduate Institute. Simultaneously, students were empowered with practical skills and tasked to parse and summarize these reports into briefings for real world beneficiaries including senior officials from Amazon, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Nestle and the Permanent Missions of Barbados and Norway.



JOINT UNIVERSITY TOUR

Together with 7 other universities from around the world, CTEI co-organized a "**Joint University Study Tour**" for students interested in trade. This tour was an immersive week where a selection of students visited major Trade actors in Geneva, assisted seminars and events related to the topic, and had the opportunity to shadow trade delegates for a day. With some 100 students attending from all over the world, it also gave participating students an opportunity to meet peers from around the world.

GENEVA TRADE PLATFORM TRAININGS

In 2023, the GTP again delivered two multi-day symposiums for the civil servants of South Korea, as well as to students from all over the world through the Joint University Tour Study Program, and to female trade experts from Africa as part of a Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Funded collaboration with the TradeExperettes.

TRADELAB PROJECTS

TradeLab International Economic Law Clinic. Joost Pauwelyn; since 2014; (No budget); Partner institutions: TradeLab

The TradeLab clinic allows students from various disciplines to work on specific legal and policy questions posed by real beneficiaries. Legal clinics are composed of small groups of highly qualified and carefully selected students. The students work under the close supervision of one or more professors and are teamed up with expert mentors from law firms, national or international organizations or academia, who lend their knowledge, time and feedback to the students, pro bono. The students are prepped and supervised by Academic Supervisors and Teaching Assistants. The Clinic forms part of the TradeLab network (www.tradelab.org), founded and housed at the Graduate Institute, which now has 20 university partners spread across the globe.

In 2023, the Graduate Institute clinic completed several projects, supervised by Scott Andersen and Colette van der Ven.

INTERNSHIP

As part of a tripartite agreement with the [Permanent Mission of India to the WTO](#) and the [Centre for Trade and Investment Law at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi \(CTIL\)](#) we offered one internship to a student.

RELATIONSHIP WITH INTERNATIONAL GENEVA

Through CTEI's core activities and the platforms we seek to work in collaboration with existing actors, to minimize duplication and leverage complementarities. The table below provides a sample list of all organizations partnered with in 2023.

CTEI continued to support the Geneva Trade and Development Workshop (GTDW), a joint seminar series of the Geneva School of Economics and Management (GSEM), the Graduate Institute in

Geneva (IHEID), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR).

In addition, CTEI continued its tripartite agreement with the Permanent Mission of India to the WTO, Geneva (PMI), and the Centre for Trade and Investment Law at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi (CTIL)

ICC, GAN GLOBAL, GENEVA CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS, PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNATIONAL, UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH, CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE FUTURE OF WORK, ADECCO, PWC, GENEVA, MACRO LABS AND NESTA, VITRA, WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM, SWISSNEX, FORAUS, JUSTJOBS NETWORK, FINISH MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND HEALTH, KINGDOM OF NETHERLANDS, GRADUATE INSTITUTE'S, CENTRE FOR GLOBAL GOVERNANCE, GRADUATE INSTITUTE'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND MACRO-DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH INITIATIVE, THE GLOBAL SHAPERS COMMUNITY, GENEVA, GENEVA MACRO LABS, SWISSCOGNITIVE, COGNITIVEVALLEY, TRANSFORM.AI, REGHORIZON, ENTERPRISE FOR SOCIETY CENTRE, UNITAR. FUTURES LAB OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LAUSANNE, MICROSOFT AI, LINKEDIN, YMCA, HEC LAUSANNE UNIL, WORLD BANK, PERMANENT MISSION OF SWITZERLAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND TO THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, VULNERABLE GROUP OF TWENTY GROUP OF MINISTER OF FINANCE OF THE CLIMATE VULNERABLE FORUM (V20 CVF), AROHA GENEVA, FOREIGN COMMONWEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (UK), PEW CHARITABLE TRUST, CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE (IUCN), INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (IISD), CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (CBD), WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION (WTO), INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER (ITC), UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD), UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP), GENEVA BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION DIALOGUES, GENEVA ENVIRONMENT NETWORK, BRUSSELS SCHOOL OF GOVERNANCE, UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES, SCHOOL OF LAW, SHRIDATH RAMPHAL CENTRE (INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW, POLICY & SERVICES), UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, BARBADOS, TRADE POLICY TRAINING CENTRE, UNITED NATIONS SDG LAB