

INVITATION TO A WORKSHOP:

**Trade and Environment: Decades of Debate at the WTO - Did the System Fail?
Can It Be Reformed?**

We kindly invite you to a full day workshop organized by the Project Team 2 of the NCCR on International Trade Regulation (www.nccr-trade.org).

Where: Institut Suisse de droit comparé, Dorigny / Lausanne

When: Friday 1st of June 2007, 10 AM - 5 PM

The relationship between trade rules and environmental policies within the GATT/WTO system is not new. In 1971, GATT Director-General Olivier Long presented a study to GATT members. He urged them to examine what the implications of environmental policies might be for international trade. In 1991, a dispute between Mexico and United States (Tuna/Dolphin) put the spotlight on the linkages between environmental protection policies and trade. Since then hundreds of papers have been dedicated to the issue of "Trade and Environment", and since 1995 the WTO's "Trade and Environment Committee" has followed a comprehensive work program.

But in the end (...) has the WTO delivered a suitable solution for this question? Is the WTO decision-making process (Members, General Council, Committee Structure, and Dispute Settlement Body) able to solve existing problems? Is the existing institutional set-up suitable for the global problems of the 21st century? Are issues like climate change or global warming sufficiently taken into account? Provides the debate on "Trade and Environment" evidence for the lack of legitimacy, transparency and efficiency of the WTO system?

The workshop aims to tackle these questions and undertake a critical assessment from various academic and practitioners' perspectives. Please find below the draft programme.

Registration

The workshop is free of charge. If you wish to participate, please send an e-mail before **10 May 2007** to Helga.Horisberger@unil.ch. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to welcoming you in Lausanne,

Kind regards,

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Programme

09.45 Registration and Coffee

10:15 Welcome, Andreas R. Ziegler, Professor, University of Lausanne

Morning: Is the WTO System Working? (Chair: Dr Manfred Elsig, World Trade Institute, Berne / Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva)

10:30 Trade and Environment at the WTO: The Critique of the System by Civil Society (Mark Halle, International Institute of Sustainable Development, Geneva)

11:00 WTO Negotiations on Trade and Environment (H.E. Mr. Manuel A.J. Teehankee, Ambassador, Permanent Mission to the WTO of the Philippines, Incoming Chairperson of the WTO Trade and Environment Committee)

11:30 WTO Dispute Settlement Decisions and the "Trade and Environment" Debate (Mr. Erik Wijkstrom, WTO Secretariat / WTO Trade and Environment Committee)

12:00 Discussion

12:30 Lunch (Restaurant de Dorigny, Lausanne)

Afternoon: Reform of the System (Chair: Prof Cédric Dupont, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva)

14:00 A View from Government: European Union (Mr. Eric White, EU Commission) (invited)

14:20 A View from Government: Switzerland (Franz Perrez, BAFU)

14:40 A View from Government: Philippines (H.E. Mr. Manuel A.J. Teehankee)

15:00 Coffee Break

15:30 A View from Academia: Nathalie Bernasconi (Centre for International Environmental Law - CIEL)

16:00 Panel Discussion with Nathalie Bernasconi, Mark Halle, Franz Perrez, Manuel A.J. Teehankee and Eric White (invited)

17:00 End