

The Future of the WTO

Interdisciplinary Forum 1-2 March 2007 at the University of Melbourne, Parkville

Thursday 1 March 2007

8:30am **Registration**

9:15am **Welcome**

9:30am **Keynote address**

Professor Ann Capling, School of Political Science, Criminology and Sociology, University of Melbourne

10:30am **Morning tea**

11:00am **Session 1**

Doha Round Impasse

Dr Graham Dunkley, Honorary Research Associate, School of Applied Economics, Victoria University – *Why the Doha Round did, and Should, Fail – An Heretical View*

Associate Professor Donald MacLaren, Department of Economics, University of Melbourne – *Agriculture in the Doha Round Negotiations: Why such an intractable issue?*

Michael Cebon, Coordinator, Global Trade Watch – *No Deal is better than a bad deal: Why the failure of the WTO's Doha Round is a good thing for the developing world*

12:30pm **Lunch**

1:30pm **Session 2**

Dispute Resolution

Gavin Goh, Visiting Fellow in Law at Murdoch University, Western Australia & David Morgan, Senior Fellow, Melbourne Law School & Visiting Fellow, School of Political Science, Criminology and Sociology, University of Melbourne – *Trade Negotiations and Trade Disputes: Political consideration and pragmatic outcomes in WTO dispute rulings*

Caroline Henckels, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne – *Resolving trade disputes where jurisdiction is shared between the WTO and a free trade agreement*

Do Hung Viet, Masters candidate, Public and International Law, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne – *Developing Countries and the Suspension of the Doha Round: Litigation or Resumption of Negotiations?*

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3:00pm **Afternoon Tea**

3:30pm **Panel Session**

'Australia and the WTO'

John Dalton

Director, Industry and Trade Policy, Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development

Andrew Hewett

Executive Director, Oxfam

Siva Somasundram

Deputy Director, International Trade Group, Minter Ellison

Scott Mitchell

Trade Policy Manager, National Farmers' Federation

Dr Vince FitzGerald

Chairman, The Allen Consulting Group

President, The Australian Services Roundtable

5:00pm **Cocktail Function, Graduate House, 220 Leicester Street, Carlton**

Friday 2 March 2007

9:00am **Session 3**

Trade Topics

Associate Professor Robyn Eckersley, School of Political Science, Criminology and Sociology, University of Melbourne – *The WTO and Multilateral Environmental Agreements*

Nikki N. Yajima, School of Anthropology, Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Melbourne – *Trade and Environmental Issues*

Yoriko Otomo, Research Fellow, Institute for International Law and the Humanities, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne – *Reading the European Communities Biotech Case: Hosting at the Limits of the Law*

10:30am **Morning tea**

11:00am **Session 4 or 5 (Parallel Sessions)**

Session 4

Trade Topics

Susannah Jefferys, Research Associate, Globalisation and Health Project, Australian National University, College of Law and Medical School – *Non Violation Remedies, Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and the Multilateral Trade Impasse*

Kristen Bondietti, Masters Candidate, Public and International Law, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne – *Engaging developing*

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countries in services liberalization: Towards a fresh approach to the WTO
General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)*

Orhan H. Yazar, PhD Candidate, Discipline of Government and International Relations, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Sydney – *Doha Round Financial Services Trade in the Era of Financial Globalization*

Session 5 (Parallel Session)

Developing Countries

Alison Duxbury, Senior Lecturer, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne – *The Relevance of Rights to the WTO Accession Process*

Joanne Wallis, Masters Candidate, School of Political Science, Criminology and Sociology, University of Melbourne – *The effect of WTO accession on the development of small island developing states: A case study of Tonga*

Amir Kordvani – *The Regulation of movement of natural persons under GATS – ambition or empty promise?*

Jeff Atkinson, Advocacy Coordinator, Oxfam Australia – *Reform of the WTO Accession Process*

1:00pm Lunch

2:00pm Session 6

Future Issues

Dr Patricia Ranald, Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network – *A global trade system based on human rights and environmental sustainability*

Dean Coldicott, PhD Candidate, School of Political Science, Criminology and Sociology, University of Melbourne – *Complex Multilateralism – the future of the WTO in the 21st Century*

Dr Tim Anderson, Lecturer, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Sydney – *Post-WTO Trade Regulation*

3:30pm Afternoon Tea

3:45pm Panel Session

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Chair: Millie Edwards, Secretary-General, International Chamber of Commerce (Australia)

Alan Oxley
Chair, Australian APEC Centre

Ian Wilcock
State Director, Victoria, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Dr Andrew Mitchell
Senior Lecturer, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne

Jane Drake-Brockman
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