

Speakers:

Richard Baldwin

Professor of International Economics at the Graduate Institute, Geneva since 1991, and Editor-in-Chief of Vox since he founded it in June 2007. He was President/Director of CEPR (2014-2018), and a visiting professor at Oxford (2012-2015), and MIT (2003). In terms of government service, he was a Senior Staff Economist for the President's Council of Economic Advisors in the Bush Administration (1990-1991) on leave from Columbia University Business School where he was Associate Professor. He did his PhD in Economics at MIT with Paul Krugman with whom he has co-authored several articles. He advises governments and international organisation around the world, and is the author of numerous books and articles on international trade, globalisation, regionalism, and European integration. His 2016 book, *The Great Convergence: Information Technology and the New Globalisation*, was listed by Lawrence Summers as one of the five most important books on globalisation ever. His latest book, *The Globotics Upheaval: Globalization, Robotics, and the Future of Work*, was published in February 2019.

He wrote his PhD at MIT under the guidance of Paul Krugman, with whom he has co-author a half dozen articles. His MSc in economics is from LSE, his BA in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and he has honorary doctorates from the Turku School of Economics and Business in Finland (2005), the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland (2012), and the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP), in Peru (2014).

He is a member of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Stewardship Board on Trade and Investment Issues from 2016, having been a member of the WEF Global Agenda Council on Trade from 2009 to 2015. He was Vice Chair of the Academic Advisory Committee of the Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE) in Washington (2008 - 2012), and an Elected Member on the Council of the European Economic Association, (1999-2004, 2006-2011).

Ujal Singh Bhatia

Ujal Singh Bhatia was appointed to the Appellate Body of the WTO in November 2011 and served on it till March 2020. He was Chairman of the Appellate Body for two years (2017 and 2018). Prior to his term with the Appellate Body, he was India's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO between 2004-2010.

Mr. Bhatia joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1974 and served in various capacities in the state of Odisha as well as in the central government in Delhi. He spent two decades in Odisha in various positions, but remembers his 6 years as District Magistrate of 3 districts in succession, most fondly. He retains a great affection for the forests of Odisha, and for those who live in them.

In the Central Government in Delhi, Mr. Bhatia served as Joint Secretary in the Commerce Ministry for 5 years, and briefly in the Information and Broadcasting Ministry before moving to Geneva as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the WTO. During his term in the Commerce Ministry, he was involved in several trade negotiations at the bilateral, regional and multilateral levels. He was the Chief Negotiator for the India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISLFTA) and the South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA).

He has wide experience of trade policy issues at various levels and writes and speaks on trade and development issues frequently. He has published numerous papers and articles in Indian and foreign journals on a range of trade and economic issues.

He is deeply interested in the issues of sustainability and public health.

Simon J. Evenett

Professor of International Trade and Economic Development at the University of St. Gallen and Founder of the St Gallen Endowment, the new home of the Global Trade Alert initiative, the leading independent trade policy monitoring initiative. He is also a permanent adviser to ARTNeT, a research and training network established in 2005.

After starting his career at the (then) University of Michigan Business school, he has taught at Oxford and Rutgers universities and has been DLA Piper Distinguished Visiting Professor at Johns Hopkins University (twice) and Visiting Professor of Corporate Strategy at the University of Michigan (thrice). Professor Evenett was the first Director of Economic Research at the World Trade Institute and has been Co-Director of the CEPR's International Trade and Regional Economics Programme, the leading European-based group of researchers in international trade and economic geography.

He served twice as a World Bank official, has been a non-resident Senior Fellow of the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC, as well as a Member of the High Level Group on Globalization established by then French Trade Minister Christine LaGarde, a Member of the Warwick Commission on the Future of the Multilateral Trading System after Doha, and a Member of the Zedillo Committee on the Global Trade and Financial Architecture. In 2020 he was invited to join the Global Future Council on Trade and Investment of the World Economic Forum.

Professor Evenett obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from Yale University and B.A in Economics from the University of Cambridge. He has published over 225 books, edited volumes, journal articles, and book chapters. In addition, he has prepared over 50 reports for public bodies and international organisations and, furthermore, has written over 250 shorter pieces (VoxEU columns, other blogs, newspaper articles, and short commentaries). Professor Evenett frequently engages with corporates, government officials, and the media as well as with analysts and scholars.

Katrin Kuhlmann

Visiting Professor at Georgetown University Law Center and the President and Founder of the New Markets Lab. Her work focuses on the intersection between law and development, international economic law, trade and development, regional trade models, agricultural regulation and food security, comparative law, and international legal and regulatory reform; she is published widely and speaks frequently on these topics. Professor Kuhlmann is also a Senior Associate with the Global Food Security Project of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), a member of the Trade Advisory Committee on Africa of the Office of the United States Trade Representative, a member of the Bretton Woods Committee, and a representative on a number of boards and advisory boards. She has also served as a Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School and an international trade negotiator and has held senior positions at think tanks and non-profit organizations as well as practiced international law. Kuhlmann

holds degrees from Harvard Law School and Creighton University and was the recipient of a Fulbright scholarship to study international economics.

Allie (Alexandra) Renison

Allie Renison is Head of EU and Trade Policy, and leads on devising recommendations and representing the voice of members on EU policy matters both to Westminster and Whitehall and with European institutions. She provides the link between business and Government on increasing international trade and has authored a number of reports on trends in both trade and trade policy, as well as running a number of trade missions for IoD members around the world every year. She also routinely provides advocacy for the IoD on a range of regulatory issues in Brussels.

Allie joined the IoD in April 2014. Prior to this, she was Research Director at Business for Britain, the campaign focused on renegotiating the UK's relationship with the EU. Allie has previously advised a number of parliamentarians in both Houses on EU legislative issues, with particular focus on trade and employment policy areas. She holds a Masters Degree in the political economy of emerging economies in the post-Soviet space.

Moderator:

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Director, Trade, Investment and innovation Division in United Nations ESCAP. She also coordinates the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT), an open network of research and academic institutions and think-tanks in the Asia-Pacific region and covering all key means of implementation of the Sustainable development Goals (more details on artnet.unescap.org). Previously, she was Professor of International Economics at the University of Zagreb, and Senior Lecturer at the University of Auckland. She is the author of *International Trade* (Macmillan, 1998), co-author of *Trade Statistics in Policymaking – A handbook of commonly used trade indices and indicators* (United Nations, 2009), a number of journal and technical papers, and has edited or co-edited several volumes, including with Bruno Jetin, *ASEAN Economic Community- A model for Asia-wide regional integration?* (Palgrave, 2016). She led a development of the Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Agreements Database of ESCAP which monitors trade performance of the trade agreements for the regional economies. She oversees preparation of Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report, a flagship publication of ESCAP in area of trade and investment. Her current work focuses on the impacts of COVID-19 on trade, investment, GVCs, preferential and multilateral trade liberalization, services trade liberalization, non-tariff protection, frontier technologies use for inclusive future of work, women and trade, and evidence-based policymaking in trade, investment and innovation. She has Masters in International Business from the St. Mary's College of California and a Doctorate in Economics from the University of Zagreb.