

Eighth Annual WTO Conference

13th & 14th May 2008 The School of Oriental and African Studies, Brunei Gallery, University of London Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H OXG

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Programme

DAY 1

Tuesday 13 May, 2008 WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

8.45 - 9.15 Registration & Coffee

Welcome: Professor Robert McCorquodale, Director, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

9.15 - 9.30 Introduction:

The Rt Honourable Sir Francis G. Jacobs KCMG QC, Professor, King's College London Professor John H. Jackson, Director, Institute of International Economic Law, Georgetown University Law Center

9.30 - 11.00 Panel 1

The evolving jurisprudence in investment disputes and its implications for WTO dispute settlement: substantive protections, exception clauses (national security), precedent, and remedies.

Chair: Dr. Federico Ortino, King's College London

Speakers: Professor Andrew Newcombe, University of Victoria, British

Columbia

Professor Todd J Grierson-Weiler, NAFTAClaims.com,

Calgary, Alberta

Professor Brigitte Stern, University of Paris 1, Panthéon

Sorbonne

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 - 13.00 Panel 2

Doha agriculture negotiations - how recent agricultural disputes have influenced those negotiations and how future disputes are likely to affect ongoing negotiations

Chair: Professor Joanne Scott, Professor of European Law at

University College London; Director of the Centre for Law and Governance in Europe; Associate Dean of International Links and Alumni

Speakers: Dr. Brett Williams, Sydney Centre for International Law

University of Sydney

Dr. Fiona Smith, University College London

Niall Meagher, Advisory Centre for WTO Law, Geneva

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch

14.30 - 16.00 Panel 3

Application of the General Exceptions (GATT Art. XX and GATS Art. XIV) after Tyres and Gambling – implications for trade and climate change

Chair: Professor Donald Regan, University of Michigan Law School

Speakers: Lothar Ehring, DG Trade, European Commission

Professor Gabrielle Marceau, WTO Secretariat and University

of Geneva

Brendan McGivern, White and Case LLP, Geneva

Professor Joost Pauwelyn, Graduate Institute of International

and Development Studies, Geneva

Commentator: Sungjoon Cho, Assistant Professor of Law, Chicago-Kent

College of Law

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 - 18.00 Panel 4

Roundtable on WTO Litigation: Views from the Bench and Bar on Effective Written and Oral Advocacy and the presentation of Expert and Documentary Evidence

Chair: Scott Andersen, Sidley Austin LLP, Geneva

Speakers: Elisabetta Righini, Legal Service European Commission

DAY 2

Wednesday 14 May, 2008 BROADER VIEW OF WTO AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

8.45 - 9.00 Coffee

9.00 - 10.45 Panel 1

Global regulatory framework of rules (trade and investment) to discern what general principles are embodied that should be a guide to regulators at the national level

Chair: Professor John H. Jackson, Director, Institute of International

Economic Law, Georgetown University Law Center

Speakers: R. Michael Gadbaw, Distinguished Visiting Fellow,

Institute of International Economic Law, Georgetown

University Law Center

Alastair Sutton, White and Case, Brussels

Commentator: Professor Joanne Scott, Professor of European Law at

University College London; Director of the Centre for Law and Governance in Europe; Associate Dean of International Links and Alumni

11.15 - 13.00 Panel 2

Recent EU Jurisprudence and WTO Law – lack of direct effect of WTO law: Community liability for conduct in international trade disputes in the absence of unlawfulness (*FIAMM/Fedon* case February 2008); *Ikea Wholesale* case December 2007;

Chair: The Rt Honourable Sir Francis G. Jacobs KCMG QC,

Professor, King's College London

Speakers: Anne Thies, Reading University

Professor Piet Eeckhout, King's College London

Elisabetta Righini, Legal Service European Commission

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14.30 - 16.30 Panel 3

A panel on recent climate change and environment discussion including elimination of tariffs on environmental goods - proliferating proposals from the EU in response to laxer emission trading standards in third countries: sustainability criteria imposed on imports of biofuels

Chair: Professor Dr. Marco Bronckers, Wilmer Hale, Brussels
Speakers: Professor Dr. Reinhard Quick, VCI Frankfurt, University of

Saarbrücken

Jochem Wiers, Dutch Embassy, Paris

Colin Brown, DG Trade, European Commission **Andrew Shoyer**, Sidley Austin LLP, Washington DC

Commentator: Robert Bailey, Oxfam

16.30 - 16.45 Closing Remarks

Registration

British Institute of International and Comparative Law Members: £156; Non-members: £260; Full-time Academic Members: £108; Full-time Academic: £180; Full-time Student Members: £35; Full-time Students: £55

Public Transport Directions

The Brunei Gallery is located between Malet Street and Thornhaugh Street, in the north-west corner of Russell Square opposite SOAS. The Gallery is a five minute walk from the British Museum and is opposite the main entrance to SOAS.

The nearest underground stations are Russell Square, Goodge Street, Euston, Euston Square and Tottenham Court Road.

Map of Brunei Gallery

