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Speaker Biographies

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Jo-Ann Crawford worked at the WTO from 1997 until retirement, in 2019. She was a counsellor in the Trade Policy Review Division where she covered regional trade agreements, balance of payments and country-specific trade policy reviews. She is the author of a number of journal articles and studies on regional trade agreements, including dispute settlement mechanisms, investment, market access and safeguard provisions. Prior to joining the WTO, she worked for a number of years in the private sector in the banking and technology sectors.

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Prof. Dr. Malik Dahlan holds the Chair of International Law and Public Policy at Queen Mary University of London. He was the Professor of International Law, Trade and Policy at CCLS until 2018. His academic career, distinguished by its breadth disciplines and his wealth of experience and expertise, is known for being at the cutting edge of the intersection of law and policy. Before joining the Queen Mary faculty, Professor Dahlan practiced regulatory law for fifteen years. In parallel to his academic work, Professor Dahlan is the Principal of Institution Quraysh for Law & Policy (iQ), a multifaceted transnational professional services company in London.

Brian Efird, Ph.D. is the Program Director for Policy and Decision Science, Acting Program Director for Climate and Environment, and a Senior Research Fellow at the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He received his M.A. in International Studies and Ph.D. in Political Science from Claremont Graduate University.

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Under Saudi Arabia's G20 Presidency, Dr. Efir serves as the Deputy Sherpa for the T20 Secretariat. The T20 is a global network of think tanks and researchers that provide research-based policy recommendations to the G20. At KAPSARC, he manages a research portfolio that includes a global program of work focused on the nexus between geopolitics, domestic and local politics, energy, and climate change. This program encompasses a multi-disciplinary, multi-national team of researchers who focus on the geopolitics of energy and the environment, quantitative models of collective decision making processes (CDMPs), geospatial information system applications to energy economics and energy policy, and the impact of political phenomena on global energy markets. Dr. Efir is Editor-in-Chief of a Springer Scientific journal called *Energy Transitions*. He was previously a Senior Research Fellow at the National Defense University in Washington, DC, a consultant on defense and international security matters in Washington, and a consultant applying quantitative models to create actionable strategies for corporate and legal negotiations in New York.

James Flett is deputy to the Director of the European Commission Legal Service WTO Team. He has been practicing international trade law for 30 years. He spent several years working for two international law firms, before joining the Commission Legal Service in 1995, when the WTO was founded. He has represented the EU in 220 WTO proceedings. He also teaches WTO law topics at Leuven University, at the World Trade Institute (Bern) and at the Academy of International Economic Law and Policy (AIELPO).

Prof. Henry Gao is Associate Professor of law at Singapore Management University. With law degrees from three continents, he started his career as the first Chinese lawyer at the WTO Secretariat and was the Academic Coordinator to the first Asia-Pacific Regional Trade Policy Course officially sponsored by the WTO. He has widely published on issues relating to China and WTO, and has advised many national governments as well as the WTO, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, APEC and ASEAN on trade issues. He's currently working on issues relating to digital trade, WTO reform, and the Belt and Road Initiative.

Paolo Garzotti is a civil servant in the European Commission. He was appointed Head of the Unit in charge of relations with Latin America in DG Trade in September 2020. Following his studies at the Faculty of Law of the University of Trento, he started his career in the European Commission in 1994 in the Directorate-General for Customs and Taxation. In 1998, Paolo Garzotti moved to the Directorate General for Trade. He has been in charge of the division (Head of Unit) dealing with multilateral affairs as well as of the one responsible for coordinating trade policy with the Council and the European Parliament. From September 2016 to September 2020, he has been posted in Geneva as the Deputy Permanent Representative of the European Union Mission to the World Trade Organization.

Jessica Gladstone is a partner and solicitor-advocate at Clifford Chance, specialising in public international law and disputes, including international commercial and investment arbitration, complex litigation and public law challenges. She advises states and businesses on all areas of international law, including trade, treaties, sanctions, human rights and immunities.

A former legal adviser for the UK Foreign Office, Jessica has experience negotiating treaties, and representing the UK at the United Nations, Council of Europe, and before the European Court of Human Rights. Jessica sits on the World Economic Forum Global Future Council for Trade and Investment, and on DIT's Trade Advisory Group for Professional Business Services.

Stuart Harbinson served as a senior Hong-Kong government trade policy official and negotiator in the 1980s and 1990s. He was Hong-Kong's representative to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) from 1994 to 2002, after which he became chief of staff to WTO Director General Supachai Panitchpakdi and then special adviser to his successor, Pascal Lamy. He is a fellow of the Asia Global Institute and the European Centre for International Economic Policy, and a senior consultant on international trade for Hume Brophy.

Sir Francis Jacobs KCMG QC is Professor of Law at Kings College London and a Jean Monnet Professor. He was formerly a Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges; Advocate General at Court of Justice of the European Communities (1988-2006); and Professor of European Law and Director of the Centre of European Law at King's College London until 1988.

Prof. Qingjiang Kong is Dean of the School of International Law, China University of Political Science and been a full professor of law since November 2002. Prof. Kong is also the Editor-in-chief of The Chinese Journal of Global Governance (Leiden & Boston: Brill). He specializes in international economic law, the WTO law and China issues; he has authored more than 40 articles published international journals and 7 books on international trade topics. Prof. Kong was heavily involved in the consultation process regarding the formulation of the Foreign investment Law of the People's Republic of China.

Sally Langrish has been the Legal Director in the Department for International Trade since September 2016. Throughout her career she has specialised in international, European and trade law, working for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, HM Treasury, the Department for Business Innovation and Skills and the European Commission. She has also completed postings in the UK's Representation to the EU and the British Embassy Brussels. In 2015 Sally, with her colleague Bridget Palmer, became the Government Legal Department's first Legal Director job-share. They joined the Department for International Trade as it was created in 2016 and have greatly enjoyed growing HMG's trade law capability from scratch to the current team of around 80 lawyers, supporting the development of the UK's independent trade policy.

Duane Layton is the global head of Mayer Brown's International Trade practice, based in Washington. He focuses on international dispute settlement, including WTO disputes, international trade law, and international trade negotiations. Mr. Layton has extensive experience representing governments and industries in import relief proceedings, both in the United States and abroad. He has litigated numerous WTO disputes, including the first two antidumping cases to come before the WTO. Mr. Layton's successful representation of the Government of Indonesia in a WTO dispute involving clove cigarettes was named American Lawyer's "Global Dispute of the Year" in 2013. In 2002, he was appointed to a select list of non-governmental experts to serve on dispute settlement panels maintained by the WTO's Secretariat.

Aik Hoe Lim is the Director of Trade and Environment Division at the World Trade Organization. He is responsible for the WTO work on trade and environment and on the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade. Aik Hoe has served as Counsellor to two consecutive WTO Director-Generals (2001-2005) and was also Adviser to the Director General's Consultative Group on "The Future of the WTO." Before joining the WTO in 1999, he was a Senior Economic Affairs Officer at the G-15 Summit Level Group of Developing Countries. He has also been a consultant on development and labor policies to the International Labour Organization (ILO) and has expertise on urban environmental regeneration.

Nicolas Lockhart, partner at Sidley Austin, is a leading practitioner in the international trade field, in particular in WTO dispute settlement. At Sidley, Nic has advised a wide range of governments and commercial stakeholders in dozens of World Trade Organization (WTO) disputes. He has also assisted clients with the negotiation of trade agreements. Before joining Sidley, Nic spent five years at the WTO Appellate Body, advising on 16 appeals. Most recently, Nic has been recognized in The Best Lawyers in Switzerland 2021 Guide for Trade Law.

Prof. Gabrielle Marceau, Ph.D., is Counselor in the Legal Affairs Division of the WTO, which she joined in September 1994. Her main function is to advise panelists in WTO disputes, the Director-General Office and the Secretariat on WTO related matters. From September 2005 to January 2010, Gabrielle Marceau was a member of the Cabinet of the WTO Director General Pascal Lamy. Dr. Marceau is also Associate Professor at the Law Faculty of the University of Geneva and Visiting Professor at the Graduate Institute of International Affairs and Development (HEID). Professor Marceau has published extensively in WTO related matters.

Dr. Jan Yves Remy joined the Shridath Ramphal Centre for International Trade Law, Policy and Services (the SRC) as deputy director in August 2018. She is an international trade lawyer who, over the course of her 15-year career, has advised governments and private stakeholders on international trade matters with a focus on dispute settlement under the auspices of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Prior to joining the SRC, Jan Yves worked for five years at Sidley Austin LLP in Geneva, and for six years as a legal officer with the Appellate Body Secretariat of the WTO.

Ambassador Charles Ries is vice president, International at the RAND Corporation, as well as a senior fellow, leading projects on the economic effects of Brexit, the costs of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and national security decision-making, among others. Ambassador Ries has over three decades in the U.S. diplomatic service. Assignments include overseeing economic sections at U.S. Embassy London and the U.S. Mission to the European Union. He also served as deputy assistant U.S. trade representative for North American Affairs and was a member of the NAFTA negotiating team.

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Lee Tuthill has worked at the WTO since 1990. She is an expert on telecommunications, ICT and ICT-enabled services, electronic commerce and Mode 1 (cross border supply). She covers the WTO e-commerce discussions and keeps abreast on how ICT and e-commerce developments relate to the GATS and other WTO agreements. Before joining the WTO, Ms. Tuthill worked for seven years at the U.S. International Trade Commission, in its Office of Economics, covering all aspects of what was, at that time, the GATT.

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