

Global Governance at a Crossroads: In Search for Solutions to Challenges Facing the Multilateral Trade System

Speaker Biographies

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Dr. Gabrielle Marceau has been Senior Counsellor in the Research Division of the WTO Secretariat since May 2020. She joined the GATT Secretariat in 1994 and she served in the WTO as legal advisor in the Cabinet of Director General, acting director for Legal Affairs Division. She is also Associate Professor at the Law Faculty of the University of Geneva; she has been Visiting Professor at the Graduate Institute in Geneva, the Sorbonne in Paris, Monash University in Melbourne, the World Trade Institute in Bern, and many other institutions. Dr. Marceau has published extensively in WTO law and international economic law. Before joining the GATT, she worked in private practice in Quebec, Canada.



Dr. Patrick Low is a Fellow of the Asia Global Institute, University of Hong Kong. He also is a Geneva-based consultant on trade and trade-related matters. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Hong Kong. Prior to that he was Vice-President for Research at Fung Global Institute. From 1995 to 2013, Dr. Low was with the WTO. From 1997 to 2013, he served as Chief Economist of the WTO. Apart from his role as Director of Economic Research and Statistics, he also worked on issues relating to trade in services and served briefly as Chief of Staff to DG Mike Moore. Dr. Low worked at the World Bank as an economist in the research complex from 1990 to 1994. He has written widely on a range of trade policy-related issues.





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