



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 0XG

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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: **David Unterhalter**, WTO Appellate Body
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

