GATS and Financial Services Seminar

22 May 2005
9:00 – 5:00

Council Chamber
Charles Clore House, 17 Russell Square
London WC1B 5JP

8:30 – 9:00 Registration & Coffee

9:00 – 9:15 Opening Remarks
Hamid Mamdouh, Director, Trade in Services Division (invited)

9:15 – 10:45 Panel 1: Cross-border trade in banking and investment services
Trade in banking services and securities markets: liberalization and competitiveness

Chair: Jonathan Taylor, Director General, London Investment Banker’s Association (LIBA)

Speakers:
* Richard O’Toole, Goldman Sachs International, London
* Prof Mads Andenas, Leicester University
* Alastair Sutton, White & Case, Brussels
* Cory Strupp, Federation of American Bankers

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:30 Panel 2: Trade in Insurance Services and Developing Countries
The Hong Kong Ministerial, UNCTAD Report on Insurance Services

Chair: Juan Marchetti, Trade in Services Division, WTO

Speakers:
* David Snyder, American Insurance Association
* Mina Mashayekhi, UNCTAD, Geneva
* John Cooke, Financial Leaders Working Group Insurance Evaluation Team

12:30 – 1:45 Lunch
1:45 – 3:15 Panel 3: Domestic Regulation, Regulatory Capacity and Financial Services

*Regulatory Transparency, Institutions, International Standards, Sustainability, PTAs*

Chair: Dr Kern Alexander, University of Cambridge

Speakers:
* Juan Marchetti, Trade in Services Division, WTO, Geneva
* Prof Christine Breining, Institute of International and Comparative Law, University of Zurich

3:15 – 3:45 Coffee break

3:45 – 5:00 Panel 4: GATS dispute settlement and financial services

*Implications of Gambling report for financial services: reinterpreting market access obligations and prudential carve out exceptions?*

Chair: Prof Mads Andenas, Leicester University

Speakers:
* Prof Mary Footer, University of Nottingham
* Dr Federico Ortino, British Institute of International Comparative Law
* Dr Dan Sarooshi, University of Oxford
* Lode Van Den Hende, Herbert Smith, Brussels (invited)

Organising committee: Dr Kern Alexander, University of Cambridge, Professor Mads Andenas, Leicester University and Dr Federico Ortino, British Institute of International Comparative Law