



Conference

Can EU trade policy deliver on EU values? Research outcomes from the RESPECT project

27 September 2021

Benetton Auditorium, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), 5th floor, Avenue Franklin Roosevelt 42, 1050, Bruxelles

Hybrid Format

Introduction

Realising Europe's soft power in external cooperation and trade (RESPECT) is a research project funded by the European Commission under Horizon 2020 (GA 770680) for the period 2018- 2021. Implemented by a consortium of 10 academic institutions and research institutes, a key focus is to investigate factors that support or inhibit attainment of EU trade and non-trade policy objectives and to draw out policy recommendations for the design of external trade and investment policies. The aim of this workshop is to present and discuss the main findings of RESPECT research with the Brussels community.

The RESPECT consortium comprises the European University Institute; Université Libre de Bruxelles; University of Bern; University of Sussex; Central European University; Centre for European Policy Studies; European Centre for Development Policy Management; Centre for Economic Policy Research; University of International Business and Economics and Columbia School of International and Public Affairs.

This event is co-organised by the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), the European University Institute (EUI), the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) and the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR).

To learn more about the RESPECT project, please visit: <http://respect.eui.eu/>. For any questions please contact: respect@eui.eu.



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Programme

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09.00 - 09.25 Registration and welcoming coffee

09.25 - 09.30 Welcoming Remarks

Paola Conconi | Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

09.30 - 11.00 **Panel 1: Trade, trade policy and non-trade policy objectives**

Chair: **André Sapir** | ULB and Bruegel

Kick-off speaker: **Bernard Hoekman** | European University Institute

Panellists:

Piotr Rydzkowski | Deputy Head of Unit, DG Trade, European Commission

Marten van den Berg | Netherlands Ambassador to India, Bhutan and Nepal (online)

Shada Islam | Founder and Managing Director, New Horizons Project

Emily Rees | Founder and Managing Director, Trade Strategies

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 - 13.00 **Panel 2: Trade and development - towards more policy coherence**

Chair: **Len Ishmael** | VUB & GMF & Policy Centre for the New South & ECDPM

Kick-off speaker: **San Bilal** | ECDPM

Panellists:

Heidi Hautala | Vice-President of European Parliament (INTA Rapporteur for the GSP Review)

Escipion Olivera | Assistant Secretary General, Sustainable Economic Transformation and Trade (OACPS)

Cécile Billaux | Head of Unit E2 Micro-economic Analysis, Investment Climate, Private Sector, Trade and Employment, DG INTPA, European Commission

Stuart Newman | Senior Legal Advisor, Sustainable Trade & Customs, amfori

13.00 - 14.00 *Informal lunch*

14.00 - 15.30 **Panel 3: The EU, the United States and China**

Chair: **Peter Chase** | Senior Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States

Kick-off speaker: **Jacques Pelkmans** | CEPS

Panellists:

Maria Martin-Prat | Deputy Director General, DG Trade, European Commission

Bernd Lange | Chair of the Committee on International Trade, European Parliament

Dirk De Bièvre | Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science, University of Antwerp

Luisa Santos | Deputy Director General, BusinessEurope

15.30 - 15.40 **Concluding remarks**