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### Einladung zur 37. AW-Vorlesung (Webinar)

Das BMDW und das FIW laden ein zum

#### Webinar

#### 37. Außenwirtschafts-Vorlesung

**„Die Wirtschaftsbeziehungen zwischen Europa und China - Chancen, Risiken und Zukunftsperspektiven aus österreichischer Sicht“**

**Mittwoch, 9. September 2020, 9:15 h (pünktlich) bis 10:30 h**

**Priv.-Doz. Dr. Klaus Weyerstraß (IHS)**

**Prof. (FH) Mag. Dr. Andreas Breinbauer (FH des BFI Wien)**

**Begrüßung:** Sektionschefin Mag. Cynthia Zimmermann (BMDW)

**Diskussionsleitung:** Dr. Manfred Schekulin (BMDW)

**Literatur:**

[Handelsbilanz zwischen dem Euroraum und China - \(k\)ein Grund zur Sorge?](#), Klaus

Weyerstraß, IHS Policy Brief, Jänner 2020.

[Sechs Jahre chinesische Seidenstraßeninitiative - Chancen, Risiken und Strategien für Europa](#), Andreas Breinbauer, ÖGfE Policy Brief 20´2019, September 2019

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#### **Einladung zum AW-Curriculum Seminar W4 „Schlüsseltechnologien der Digitalisierung“**

Die Verwaltungsakademie des Bundes, das Kompetenzzentrum Forschungsschwerpunkt Internationale Wirtschaft (FIW) und das Bundesministerium für Digitalisierung und Wirtschaftsstandort laden Sie und Ihre interessierten Kolleginnen und Kollegen herzlich zur Teilnahme am [Außenwirtschafts-Curriculum 2019/2020](#) ein.

Die nächste Veranstaltung zum Thema

#### **„Schlüsseltechnologien der Digitalisierung und ihre Effekte auf die Außenwirtschaft unter besonderer Berücksichtigung des Dienstleistungsaußenhandels“**

mit **Dr. Bernhard Dachs (AIT)** findet am **23. September 2020, 9 bis 11 Uhr als Webinar** statt.

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Das Seminar findet im Rahmen des **Außenwirtschafts-Curriculum 2019/2020** statt, zu dem Sie sich jederzeit anmelden können: [Anmeldung zum Außenwirtschafts-Curriculum 2019/2020](#).

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Nähere Informationen zu den Seminaren des AW-Curriculum (Programm, Termine, Vortragende, Anmelde links, Veranstaltungsort und -zeit, Kontaktdaten etc.) finden Sie auf <https://fiw.ac.at/index.php?id=1244>.

### Research Report „Implications of the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement for Austria – A Preliminary Assessment“ veröffentlicht

Der FIW-Research Report „**Implications of the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement for Austria – A Preliminary Assessment**“ von Franz Sinabell (WIFO), Julia Grübler (wiiw) und Oliver Reiter (wiiw) wurde im August veröffentlicht und steht zum kostenlosen [Download](#) zur Verfügung.

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This study presents quantitative and qualitative assessments of potential consequences of the trade agreement between the EU and Mercosur countries. It is embedded in a wider Association Agreement and was made public in summer 2019. The focus is on Austria. One objective of the agreement is to liberalise trade and to improve conditions for making investments in order to create jobs and value added and to give consumers in both regions better access to a wide range of products and services. A gravity model analysis shows that average income gains per person are remarkably similar in both regions. However, the economies in Mercosur countries will benefit more than EU Member States economies in relative terms. A second objective of the agreement is to meet targets that go beyond immediate economic benefits, such as to further sustainable development, to prevent environmental deterioration, to avoid social frictions and to smooth adaptation processes. A qualitative comparison shows the advancements compared to other trade agreements and the limitations of trade agreements to address social and environmental concerns. An in depth-appraisal of the provisions for agriculture shows potential benefits and costs for consumers and farmers in both regions.

**Keywords:** trade liberalisation, EU, MERCOSUR, gravity model, environment, agriculture

**JEL-codes:** F13, F15, F17, F18, Q17

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### **Abstract:**

Political debates and economic analyses often focus on single free trade agreements and their potential economic effects on participating trading partners. This study contributes to the literature by shedding light on the significance of trade agreements in the context of countries' positions in worldwide trade agreement networks by combining network theory with gravity trade modelling. We illustrate, both numerically and graphically, the evolution of the global web of trade agreements in general, and the network of the European Union specifically, accounting for the geographical and temporal change in the depth of implemented agreements. Gravity estimations for the period 1995-2017 distinguish the direct bilateral effects of trade agreements from indirect effects attributable to the scope of trade networks and countries' positions therein.

**Keywords:** free trade agreements, network effects, trade policy, structural gravity model.

**JEL-codes:** D58, F13, F14, F43.

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Alexander Hudetz

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We are glad to inform you about the latest news on the FIW project.

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### Invitation to the 37th Foreign Trade Lecture

The Federal Ministry and the FIW invite you to the

**Webinar**  
**37th Foreign Trade Lecture**  
**in German language**

**"Economic Relations between Europe and China - Opportunities, Risks and Future Prospects from an Austrian Perspective"**

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 9:15 a.m. (on time) until 10:30 a.m.**

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**Foreign Trade Lectures** is a series of events in which policy-relevant current research results from the field of international economics are presented and discussed in a practice-oriented manner.

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### Invitation to the AW-Curriculum Seminar W4 "Key Technologies of Digitization"

The Federal Academy of Public Administration, the Research Centre International Economics (FIW) and the Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs invite you and your interested colleagues to participate in the Foreign Trade Curriculum 2019/2020.

The next event on the topic of

#### **"Key Technologies of Digitization and their Effects on Foreign Trade "** **in German language**

with **Dr. Bernhard Dachs (AIT)** will take place **on September 23, 2020, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. as a webinar.**

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The seminar is part of the Foreign Trade Curriculum 2019/2020, for which you can register at any time: [Registration for the Foreign Trade Curriculum 2019/2020](#).

There will be 11 seminars within two years. Participants will receive a confirmation of participation from FIW after attending at least 8 seminars. It is also possible to attend individual seminars without participating in the Foreign Trade Curriculum.

Further information on the seminars of the Foreign Trade Curriculum (program, dates, lecturers, registration links, venue and time, contact details etc.), you can find on <https://fiw.ac.at/index.php?id=1244>.

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We are looking forward to your participation in the events and your interest in the publications.

Kind regards,

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