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The Future of Global Trade Negotiations from a European Perspective

Donnerstag, 14. Juni 2007 Uhrzeit: 8:30 – 14:00

BMWA, Stubenring 1, 5. Stock, Pressezentrum

Sprache der Veranstaltung: Englisch

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Multilateral trade negotiations have been revived after the recent backlash following the suspension of the Doha Development agenda in the June/July 2006 modalities meetings in Geneva. Despite intense efforts to conclude the round within the current year, a tension can be felt between the multilateral trade negotiations and bilateral negotiations of various important WTO members.

In the past, the European Union has been one of the most committed advocates of multilateralism. However, recently the EU has adapted its long-term strategy towards discussion and negotiation of bilateral agreements. With this shift towards bilateralism, the EU attempts to avoid the possibility of being left-out from a newly forming global "spaghetti-bowl" of bilateral trade negotiations while it risks the accusation of hampering the successful conclusion of the round.

The workshop will provide information about the main economic and political consequences of the two scenarios: a multilateral outcome versus bilateral agreements from both, an applied and a theoretical point of view. It will further highlight in a panel discussion the dilemma the EU faces currently and identify the available options and strategies to be pursued in order to achieve a beneficial outcome for Europe but also in global terms.

Programm

- 08:30 - 08:45 Registrierung und Begrüßungskaffee
- 08:45 - 09:00 Begrüßung (Manfred Schekulin) und Einleitung (Julia Wörz)
- 09:00 - 10:30 **On the Welfare Effects of Bilateral versus Multilateral Trade and Investment Liberalization**
Mario Larch (IFO München)
- Impact of Bilateral Trade Agreements versus the Effect of the Doha Round on the EU**
Joseph Francois (Johannes Kepler Universität Linz und CEPR)
- 10:30 - 10:45 Kaffeepause
- 10:45 - 11:45 **Antidumping – Past, Present and Future**
Maurizio Zanardi (CentER, Tilburg University)
- 11:45 - 12:00 Kaffeepause
- 12:00 - 13:30 **Podiumsdiskussion:** Josef Mayer (BMW), Paolo Garzotti (GD Handel), Susanne Schrott (WKO), Joseph Francois (JKU Linz)
- Diskussionsleitung:** Michael Landesmann (wiiw)
- 13:30 - 14:00 Informeller Austausch, Networking (Brötchenbuffet)
- Moderation:** Julia Wörz (wiiw)