



Striking a Balance?

The European Union's Management
of the Environment-Trade Nexus

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Friday, 6 October 2023

Venue: College of Europe, Verversdijk 16, AUD.1, BE-8000 Bruges

PROGRAMME

9:00 Registration for the conference (*Foyer*)

INTRODUCTION

9:30 Welcome

Sieglinde GSTÖHL, Director, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

Trade and the environment – from silos to mutual supportiveness and beyond

Simon SCHUNZ, Professor, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

SESSION I From 'environmental policy integration' to an active management of the environment-trade nexus?

10:00 **Chair:** *Simon SCHUNZ*, Professor, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

10:05 **The evolving environment-trade nexus in EU and WTO law**

Emily REID, Professor of International Economic Law & Sustainable Development, Centre for International Law and Globalisation, University of Southampton

10:25 **EU trade and environmental policies in the multilateral context**

Ferdi DE VILLE, Associate Professor in European Political Economy, Department of Political Science, Ghent University

10:45 **Discussion**

11:15 *Coffee break*

SESSION II EU free trade agreements and sustainable development

11:45 Chair: *Sieglinde GSTÖHL*, Director, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

11:50 From implementation to enforcement – making environmental commitments in EU Free Trade Agreements ‘stick’

Maria GARCIA, Head of Department of Politics, Languages & International Studies, University of Bath

12:10 Environmental and trade effects of EU free trade agreements

Nicolas PERIDY, Professor, Faculty of Economics and Management, University of Toulon

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Lunch break

SESSION III Unilateral EU tools to promote sustainable trade

14:15 Chair: *Emily REID*, Professor of International Economic Law & Sustainable Development, Centre for International Law and Globalisation, University of Southampton

14:20 CBAM: protecting European competitiveness and/or promoting global sustainability?

Michael MEHLING, Professor of Law, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow; Deputy Director, MIT Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research, Boston

14:40 The European Union’s regulatory shift towards sustainability due diligence: expectations and potential effects

Axel MARX, Deputy Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 Curbing the EU's Global Deforestation Footprint through Trade Policy

Gracia MARÍN DURÁN, Associate Professor in International Economic Law, University College London

15:50 Discussion

CONCLUSION

16:30 Striking a balance? Open strategic autonomy and the European Green Deal

Sieglinde GSTÖHL, Director, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

16:45 End of conference



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