



AFRICAN PROGRAMME ON RETHINKING DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS 2014

The African Programme On Rethinking Development Economics (APORDE), in association with UJ Department of Economics and Econometrics has the pleasure to invite you to the following Evening Seminar:

Global Value Chains, the New Trade Narrative and the WTO Doha Impasse: the Way Forward (Faizel Ismail)

Linking Trade and Industrial Policy in the Context of Regional and Bilateral Trade Agreements (Niki Cattaneo)

Topic: The presentation by **Faizel Ismail** will focus on the current impasse in the WTO Doha Round and discuss the new narrative in global trade known as Global Value Chains (GVCs). The presentation will argue that the impasse in the Doha Round is mainly due to the political gridlock and protectionism in the United States. It will also be argued that the narrative of GVCs is a reincarnation of the discredited Washington Consensus approach to trade. The presentation will argue that an alternative narrative based on the values of equity, inclusiveness and development is required to unlock the impasse in the round and ensure a more sustainable and credible World Trade Organisation.

Niki Cattaneo's talk will look at how developing countries need to be innovative in linking trade, industrial and technology policies for catch-up and development, particularly with the broadening of WTO rule-making to areas like services, investment, intellectual property protection and government procurement. The presentation will touch on these issues but will argue that developing countries should give more pressing attention to the implications of the proliferation of regional and bilateral agreements arising from the WTO Doha impasse. The presentation will consider the implications for development policy space of the negotiation of North-South trade and investment agreements, as well as the potential impact of the ongoing "mega-regional" FTA negotiations.

Date: Wednesday, 10 September 2014

Time: 17h30 for 18h00 (refreshments will be provided prior to the seminar)

Venue: C-Ring 315, Auckland Park Kingsway Campus, University of Johannesburg

RSVP by email: Yolandi Brough: yolandib@uj.ac.za to confirm attendance.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Faizel Ismail is South Africa's former Ambassador to the World Trade Organisation. Prior to this he served as Deputy Director General of the dti and led several of South Africa's trade negotiations, including with the European Union, SADC and SACU. He has written two books on the WTO and published several book chapters, journal articles and papers on trade and development. He is currently an advisor to the dti on trade and international development.

Niki Cattaneo is Senior Lecturer in the Department of Economics and Economic History at Rhodes University in Grahamstown, where she has taught since 1990. She is co-course director of APORDE and an associate of the Trade Law Centre (tralac) in Stellenbosch. Her research areas are trade and industrial policy, regional integration, South-South cooperation, and the impact of WTO and regional/bilateral trade agreements on development policy space. She teaches trade and industrial policy and econometrics at Rhodes, and has research linkages with tralac and TIPS.

About the APORDE programme: APORDE is a two-week high-level annual seminar that brings together academics, policy-makers and civil society representatives to investigate economic development options. It is aimed at building capacity in the South, particularly in Africa and founded on the need to broaden perspectives on development thinking and policymaking.