

“Developing Countries and the Challenge of Regionalism: Assessing the Options”

**Conference Centre, University of Sussex
28/29/30 September 2006**

Programme

Day 1

- 11.30 Coffee Introduction and welcome
- Michael Gasior (University of Sussex)
- 12.00 Session 1. *"The Trade system after Doha"*
- Patrick Low (WTO)
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Session 2. *"Regionalism and deep integration in the global economy:
setting the agenda or following the market?"*
- Sherman Robinson, Peter Holmes and Leonardo Iacovone
(University of Sussex)
Discussant: John Humphrey (Institute of Development Studies)
- 15.00 Session 3. *"Regionalism and the challenge for developing countries:
developing a useful analytical framework for policymakers"*
- Jim Rollo (University of Sussex)
Discussant: Taimoon Stewart (Caricom)
- 16.00 Coffee
- 16.30 Session 4. *"Competition policy in Regional agreements"*.
- Ana Maria Alvarez (UNCTAD)
Discussant: - Jim Mathis (Dept. of Law, University of Amsterdam)
- 17.30 Close
- 19.30 *Dinner. "The place of regional and preferential trading arrangements
in EU trade policy"*.
- Ignacio Garcia-Bercero (DG trade)

Day 2

10.00 Session 5. *"Using the framework".*
"A case study of the Egypt-EU FTA".
- Ahmed Ghoneim (University of Cairo) and David Evans (University of Sussex)

Coffee

"Assessing the EU-Caribbean EPA process"
- Michael Gasiosek with Tomasz Iwanow, Michanne Haynes- Prempeh (University of Sussex)

Discussant: Lucian Cernat (UNCTAD)

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Session 6. *"Multilateralising Regionalism".*
- Richard Baldwin (HEI, Geneva and CEPR)

15.15 Coffee

15.30 Session 7. *"Round table on effectiveness of the Sussex framework and where next for research on RTA and deep integration".*
- Bertin Martens (DG Trade)
- Lars Nilsson, (DG Trade)
- Geremew Ayalew* (Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ethiopia)

17.30 Close

Evening Free in Brighton

Day 3

- 10.00 Session 8 *“Regionalism beyond Europe”*.
- Claude Barfield (American Enterprise Institute, AEI, Washington DC)
“US approaches to Regionalism”
 - Theresa Carpenter/Richard Baldwin (HEI, Geneva and CEPR)
“Regionalism in East Asia”
 - Pradeep Mehta (CUTS) *“India and regionalism”*
- 12.00 Session 9. *“Law, Economics and RTAs”*.
- Jim Mathis (Dept. of Law, University of Amsterdam)
- 13.00 Close and Lunch

* Invited