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*Workshop*

**Present at the Beginning:  
The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)  
Trade Agreement**

**Friday, 25 February 2011**

**9:00 am to 6:00 pm**

**Convocation Room, Room 218, 2/F Main Building, University of Hong Kong**

Opening markets to wider trade has stalled on the global level. States are rushing to complete bilateral free trade agreements instead, but these generally bring limited benefits. The most promising trade negotiations can now be found in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) talks. The TPP brings together nine countries in three continents: Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, United States, and Vietnam.

The TPP is attempting to create a freer market for the movement of goods, services and investment across the nine member states. If done well, this should create greater economic growth for all members. Getting it right, however, is difficult. The negotiators have a high level of ambition and an expansive agenda. Add in the challenges of meeting the needs of all nine developed and developing countries at the table and getting an agreement is not easy.

This workshop looks at different aspects of the TPP negotiations. It starts with a series of papers to consider the alternative models that might have structured negotiations. We then examine different areas of contention, from problems in opening up services markets to handling existing overlapping rules. Finally, we think about how the TPP will fit in a crowded economic landscape of different types of trade agreements.

This workshop brings together top-level scholars and policymakers from across the TPP member countries to consider these topics for the first time.

Please register on-line via [www.AIIFL.com](http://www.AIIFL.com) or email Flora Leung at [fkleung@hku.hk](mailto:fkleung@hku.hk) to reserve a place.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



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## *Draft Agenda*

### Friday, February 25

0900-0915	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Johannes M.M. Chan SC, Dean, Faculty of Law, HKU</li> <li>• Douglas W. Arner, Director, AIIFL</li> </ul>
0915-1030	<p><b>Session I: Setting the Context for TPP Negotiations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Using the P4 as a Model for the TPP,” Henry Gao, Singapore Management University, Singapore</li> <li>• “American FTA Templates as a Model for the TPP,” Jeffrey Schott, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington DC, USA</li> <li>• “Toss Out the Templates and Start Over,” Deborah Elms, Head, Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade &amp; Negotiations, Singapore</li> </ul>
1030-1100	Coffee Break
1100-1300	<p><b>Session II: Challenging Areas Ahead in Negotiations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Liberalizing Trade in Services,” Peter Govindasamy, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore and former Chairman, GATS Working Party on Domestic Regulations, WTO, Geneva (TBC)</li> <li>• “Problem Spots: TPP Trade in Goods,” Margaret Liang, Senior Fellow, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies and former WTO panelist, and Deborah Elms, TFCTN, Singapore</li> <li>• “Handling Export Restrictions,” Chin Leng Lim, Chairman, East Asian International Economic Law &amp; Policy Programme, University of Hong Kong; and King's College London</li> </ul>
1300-1430	Lunch
1430-1630	<p><b>Session III: The TPP in a Crowded Economic Landscape</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “The TPP and APEC,” Carlos Kuriyama, Policy Support Unit, APEC, Singapore</li> <li>• “The TPP, ASEAN and East Asian Agreements,” Meredith Lewis, University of Wellington, New Zealand</li> <li>• “TPP Enlargement: What Does it Offer Latin American Countries?” Sebastian Herreros, United Nations, Santiago, Chile</li> <li>• “The TPP in a Multilateral World,” Ann Capling, University of Melbourne and John Ravenhill, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia</li> </ul>
1630-1700	Coffee Break
1700-1800	<p><b>Session IV: Comment and Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patrick Low, WTO, Geneva</li> </ul>

**Please note that all sessions will be conducted in English and no translation will be provided**