



About GIFTA

Transformations in Global Governance: Integration via Free Trade Agreements

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GIFTA project creates a network of scholars' in geographic and disciplinary terms, by bringing together economists, lawyers, political scientists, international relations and international political economy scholars interested to reflect upon latest FTA trends, developments and effects in international trade policies, that is evolving through the proliferation of a new generation of FTAs across the globe. Prof Sangeeta Khorana is the PI. Dr Maria Garcia from Bath University is the Co-I. Miss Onyedikachi Uwakwem is the Admin support for the project.

SEMINAR 1/6 General Trends in Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)



Location: Keele University, Newcastle Under Lyme
Date: January 22-23, 2015
Theme: General Trend in FTAs

The 1st interdisciplinary workshop primarily focused on General Trends in Free Trade Agreements (FTAs). Discussion and presentations at the event:

- Examined rationales for the proliferation of FTAs; and
- Delved into various disciplinary approaches to the study of such agreements, with the aim of creating novel analytic frameworks of FTAs.

The workshop was attended by academics and professionals from universities and organisations across Europe and the USA

SEMINAR 2/6 European Union's Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)



Location: London School of Economics (LSE), London
Date: June 30 - July 1, 2015
Theme: European Union FTAs

The 2nd interdisciplinary workshop primarily focused on European Union (EU) Free Trade Agreements (FTAs). The workshop generated debate among experts and built young researchers' capacity studying trade governance patterns and the effects of new generation FTAs on partner and third countries. It covered the following issues:

- Rationale for EU's negotiation of FTAs with Asia and USA Social, economic, political, geo-political and political economy aspects of EU's
- FTAs Role of EU's new generation trade agreements under 'Global Europe' strategy and foreign policy.

The workshop was attended by academics and professionals from universities and organisations in the UK, Geneva, Salzburg, Paris, Brussels, Ghent, Poland (Europe), USA and Australia

SEMINAR 3/6 Asian Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)



Location: India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi
Date: November 16-17, 2015
Theme: Asian FTAs

This 3rd interdisciplinary workshop in partnership with Bournemouth University, Bath University and CSH, New Delhi primarily focuses on Asian Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and focused on:

- Factors that drive FTA negotiations in the region
- Regulatory and liberalisation patterns in Asian FTAs
- Inter-linkages between Asian and European global production networks
- How can Indian firms integrate into FTA production chain activity?

The workshop was attended by academics and professionals from organisation and Universities in India and Brussels

SEMINAR 4/6 Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)



Location: Bath University, UK
Date: January 28-29, 2016
Theme: TTIP

This 4th interdisciplinary workshop in partnership with Bournemouth University and Bath University primarily focuses on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and covered the following issues:

- Role of TTIP in the US and EU broader foreign policies
- Regulatory effects of TTIP
- Potential economic and social consequences of TTIP
- TTIP negotiation dynamics
- Implications of TTIP for other partners

The workshop was attended by academics and professionals from organisation and Universities in the UK and Brussels

SEMINAR 5/6 Social Dimensions of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)



Location: German Marshall Fund, Brussels
Date: July 7-8, 2016
Theme: Social Dimensions of FTAs

This 5th interdisciplinary workshop was held in partnership with German Marshall Fund, Brussels. The event primarily focused on the EU and US FTAs with Asian countries. The main themes are:

- Areas of differences/commonalities in FTAs negotiated and the general move towards regulatory convergence/divergence comparative and systematic research on the scope and enforceability of regulatory norms negotiated under FTAs.
- Importance of labour and social standards within FTAs.
- Relevance of addressing these issues within the context of global trade governance.

The workshop was attended by academics and professionals from universities and organisations in the Europe, America's and Asia

SEMINAR 6/6 Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) Dynamics Location: London School of Economics (LSE), London Date: December 5, 2016 Theme: FTA Dynamics

This 6th interdisciplinary workshop was held in partnership with German Marshall Fund, Brussels. The event primarily focused on various facets of global dynamics of free trade agreements, including:

- Interactions between trade agreements and the multilateral trading system
- Power relations and asymmetries in trade agreements
- We particularly welcome paper proposals addressing these questions from diverse disciplinary approaches (Economics, Politics and Law) and methodological positions.

The workshop was attended by academics and professionals from universities and organisations in the UK, Geneva, Salzburg, Paris, Brussels, Ghent, Poland (Europe), and USA

SEMINAR 7 Implications of Brexit: Navigating the Evolving Free Trade Agreement (FTAs) Landscape



Location: Commonwealth Secretariat, London
Date: February 6-7, 2017

Theme: Implications of Brexit: Navigating the Evolving Free Trade Agreement Landscape

The 7th interdisciplinary workshop marking the end of the ESRC seminar series 'Transformations in Global Governance: Integration via Free Trade Agreements', primarily focused on UK Trade Policy: Post Brexit & Implications of Brexit. Discussion sat the event examined and delved into:

- The role, interests and dynamics of the EU as a trade negotiator
- The implementation of EU FTAs and market and social effects of these agreements
- Interests and sensitivities in trade agreements with emerging markets

The workshop was attended by academics and professionals from universities and organisations in the UK, Geneva, Salzburg, Paris, Brussels, Ghent, Poland (Europe), and USA

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