

BIODIVERSITY AND FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS WORKSHOP

PROGRAMME

22 TO 23 JANUARY 2026

THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY 2026 (DAY 1)

08:50 – 09:00	REGISTRATION
09:00 – 09:10	WELCOME
	SESSION 1
09:10 – 09:50	<p>“Trade War and Biodiversity: The Role of Free Trade Agreements in a Deglobalization Era”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ying ZHU Hong Kong University
09:50 – 10:30	<p>“Embedding Biodiversity Protection in Trade Relations: The Legal Challenges of the EU-Thailand Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA)”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Krisdakorn WONGWUTTHIKUN & Thanapat CHATINAKROB Thammasat University
10:30 – 11:10	<p>“How does China balance biodiversity conservation in the process of promoting the implementation of free trade agreements?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haifeng DENG Tsinghua University
11:10 – 11:50	<p>“Trade-related Biodiversity Measures and WTO Law”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gracia MARIN-DURAN University College London
11:50 – 12:30	LUNCH
	SESSION 2
12:30 – 13:10	<p>“The Enforcement Gap in Biodiversity Commitments in EU FTAs: Design, Practice and Institutional Cooperation”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isola-Clara MACCHIA European University Institute
13:10 – 13:50	<p>“Combating Forest Biodiversity Loss by Incorporating the Voluntary Sustainability Standards into FTAs: How far can we go?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ngoc Ha NGUYEN Foreign Trade University
13:50 – 14:30	<p>“Leveraging Free Trade Agreements to Promote Indigenous Economic Sovereignty and Environmental Sustainability”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David JEFFERSON University of Canterbury

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14:30 – 15:00	BREAK
	SESSION 3
15:00 – 15:40	<p>“Environmental Regulation of Biodiversity Loss under the CPTPP Framework: Logic, Deficiencies, and Innovations”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YIN Ruilong Fuzhou University
15:40 – 16:20	<p>“Biodiversity Issues in Trade Agreements: The Sharing of Legal and Economic Burdens”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johanna Aleria P. LORENZO University of Amsterdam
16:20 – 17:00	<p>“Biodiversity and Intellectual Property Rights Interface in Free Trade Agreements: Emerging Trends”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James J. NEDUMPARA Indian Institute of Foreign Trade <p>End of Day 1</p>

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FRIDAY, 23 JANUARY 2026 (DAY 2)

	SESSSION 4
10:00 – 10:40	<p>“Green Trade, Grey Consequences: Addressing Biodiversity Loss at the Intersection of the Convention on Biological Diversity and Free Trade Agreements on Critical Minerals Mining”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arnav SHARMA National Law School of India University
10:40 – 11:20	<p>“From Subsidies to Sustainability: The Role of Trade Law in marine Biodiversity Conservation”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ngan Vu KIM Foreign Trade University
11:20 – 12:00	<p>“Trade Law Exceptions and the Protection of Biodiversity: Types of Trade-Restrictive Measures and Legal Challenges”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geraldo VIDIGAL University of Amsterdam
12:00 – 14:00	<p>LUNCH OUTSIDE SR 4-2 (Block B Level 4)</p> <p>Participants are cordially invited to attend the Book Seminar on <i>International Financial Institutions and Sustainable Development: Lawmaking and Accountability</i> by Dr Johanna Aleria P. LORENZO</p> <p>For more information and registration, check out: https://law.nus.edu.sg/apcel/events/apcel-book-talk-international-financial-institutions-and-sustainable-development-lawmaking-and-accountability-cup-2025/ </p>
	SESSION 5
14:00 – 14:40	<p>“Biodiversity and Regional Trade Agreements Concluded by Japan - Why biodiversity receives limited emphasis compared to climate change?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ritsuko YONEDA Japan Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries
14:40 – 15:20	<p>“Biodiversity as an Essential Element of Trade Treaties - How the GBF Changes Trade Law”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Markus GEHRING University of Cambridge
15:20 – 16:00	<p>“Reconciling trade liberalization and environmental protection: Pathways to effective biodiversity conservation in the ASEAN region through FTAs”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DUONG Tran Thi Thuy Ho Chi Minh City University of Law

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