

## EXPERT SEMINAR

# China in the WTO: An Early Harvest

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Professor Jan Wouters (Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies)**

**Autumn 2009  
Grote Vergaderzaal, Tiensestraat 41, 3000 Leuven  
16:00h – 18:00h**

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## Overview

Professor Petros C. Mavroidis (Columbia University/Université de Neuchâtel), International Francqui Chairholder at K.U.Leuven in autumn 2009, and Professor Jan Wouters, Professor of International Law and Director of the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies ([www.globalgovernancestudies.eu](http://www.globalgovernancestudies.eu)), organize an expert seminar on 'China in the WTO: An Early Harvest' from 28 September to 7 December 2009.

The seminar, which deals with the experience of China as a Member of the World Trade Organization so far, constitutes a class of excellence within the framework of the International Francqui Chair and the Centre's InBev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair. China has been a WTO Member since 2001, has actively participated in discussions in all WTO fora and is increasingly becoming an important actor in the WTO dispute settlement mechanism. The first Chinese member of the WTO Appellate Body was elected in 2008. The aim of this weekly seminar is to provide a forum for a first, comprehensive analysis of China's participation in the WTO. A number of distinguished speakers will present their work and ideas on the different topics of the seminar. Every paper will also be discussed by a leading expert.

The seminar is recognized as doctoral training course by the K.U.Leuven Doctoral School for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

As the seminar will only be open to a limited number of participants, prior registration is strictly required.

## Calendar

### Monday 28 September

Introduction Seminar

*Professor Petros C. Mavroidis (Columbia University, Université de Neuchâtel)*  
*Professor Jan Wouters (K.U.Leuven)*

### Monday 5 October

China and the world trading system: from GATT to the WTO

*Speaker: Prof. Dr. Douglas Irwin (Dartmouth College)*  
*Discussant: Prof. Dr. Susan Aaronson (George Washington University)*

### Monday 12 October

How did China view its accession to the WTO?

*Speaker: Mr. Tang Xiaobing (WTO, Market Access Division)*  
*Discussant: Mr. Stuart Harbinson (Winston & Strawn LLP, Geneva)*

### Monday 19 October

How did the EU view China's accession?

*Speaker: Mr. Gérard Depayre (Trade Strategies, Geneva)*  
*Discussant: Mrs. Helena König (EC, DG Trade)*

### Monday 26 October

Beyond multilateralism: China's protocol of accession

*Speaker: Prof. Dr. James Mathis (University of Amsterdam)*  
*Discussant: Mr. Lothar Ehring (EC, DG Trade)*

### Tuesday 3 November

China in the various WTO Committees

*Speaker: Mr. Huang Rengang (Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the WTO)*  
*Discussant: Mr. Miguel Rodriguez Mendoza (ICTSD, Geneva)*

### Monday 9 November

China in the WTO dispute settlement system

*Speaker: Mr. Matthew Kennedy (WTO, Legal Service)*  
*Discussant: Mr. Jasper Wauters (White & Case, Geneva)*

### Monday 16 November

China and the TRIPs

*Speaker: Mr. Patrick Ravillard (EC, DG Trade)*  
*Discussant: Mr. Wolf Meier-Ewert (WTO, Intellectual Property Division)*

### **Monday 23 November**

China's position on trade in services in the Doha round

*Speaker: Mr. Xie Cheng (Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of China to the WTO)*

*Discussant: Mr. Juan Marchetti (WTO, Trade in Services Division)*

### **Monday 30 November**

China's position on trade in goods in the Doha round

*Speaker: Mr. Roderick Abbott (European University Institute)*

*Discussant: Prof. Dr. Hylke Vandenbussche (Université catholique de Louvain)*

### **Monday 7 December**

China and the other developing countries in the WTO

*Speakers: Mr. Harsha Vardhana Singh (WTO, Deputy Director-General) (tbc) &*

*Prof. Dr. André Sapir (ECARE, Brussels)*

*Discussant: Prof. Dr. Henrik Horn (IFN, Stockholm)*