



Green Trade Lab Early Career Researcher Workshop 2025

*The Greening of Trade as a way out of the poly-crises?
Regress, reforms and rebuilding international cooperation in
the environment-trade nexus.*

3 and 4 July 2025

SLB/202 and 208, Spring Lane Building

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Protection of Marine Ecosystems Through Trade: Assessing the European Union Toolbox</i> Justine Muller, Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law, National University of Singapore (online) Peer Discussant: Sami Mili <i>The role of domestic and international markets in the loss of nature across Brazil</i> Damares Lopes Afonso, UCLouvain; Fernando Salgueiro Perobelli, Federal University of Juiz de Fora, Brazil; Weslem Rodrigues Faria, Federal University of Juiz de Fora, Brazil Erasmus zu Ermgassen, Earth & Life Institute, UCLouvain Peer Discussant: Simon Happersberger <i>The Disharmony between the Bilateral Investment Regime and the Benefit Sharing Mechanism for Biodiversity: An Analysis</i> Manini Syali, TERI-School of Advanced Studies; Kritikaa Bhatt, TERI-School of Advanced Studies (online) Peer Discussant: Sai Sumana 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The effects of environmental policies on embodied emissions</i> Yeong Jae Kim, KDI School of Public Policy and Management; Elena Verdolini, University of Brescia; Laura Bonacorsi, Bocconi University (online) Peer Discussant: Leonhard Hummel <i>Framing Climate Finance: China's Strategic Use of Climate Finance in Indonesia through Domestic Narratives and International Practice</i> Xiaoran Li, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK); Jan Steckel; Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) (online) Peer Discussant: Jiuyang Li <i>Beyond soft power: Assessing the salience of climate security in political parties in Europe</i> Djamila Jabra, Saarland University; Daniela Braun, Saarland University (online) Peer Discussant: Tonghua Li and Xishun Deng <i>The trade-climate nexus: enforcement pathways under EU preferential trade agreements for the Paris Agreement</i> Caroline Bertram, University of Cambridge; Harro van Asselt, University of Cambridge (online) Peer Discussant: Silvia Ciacchi

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Sustainability and Digital Trade Agreements</i> Kehinde Olaoye, Hamad Bin Khalifa University Peer Discussant: Shing-hon Lam <i>Apples to apples? The challenges of comparing private standards and public regulations for mining: scoping, gaps and consequences for human and environmental rights</i> Delfina Vila Moret, FLACSO Argentina Pía Marchegiani, FLACSO Argentina (online) Peer Discussant: Esther Osalenlen Adu <i>Backtracking Under Scrutiny: Evidence and Regulation in the WTO</i> Shing-hon Lam, University of California, Los Angeles (online) Peer Discussant: Chris Schönherr 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Ethics of Environmental Upgrading in the aftermath of the European Green Deal</i> Kevin Le Merle, Ghent University, United Nations University (CRIS); Tancrède Bouglé, Supply Chain Specialist Peer Discussant: Oshri Mitzva <i>Diagnosing Institutional Blockages and Reclaiming Transformative Ambition in the Trade-Environment Nexus</i> Yago Ferreira Freire, University of Glasgow Peer Discussant: Emma Bowick <i>The environmental effects and effectiveness of EU trade agreements - A comparative analysis of EU ex-post evaluations</i> Simon Happersberger, Vrije Universiteit Brussel Peer Discussant: Damares Lopes Afonso
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Blue crab invasion and sustainability of maritime trade: Ecological and socio-economic adaptation in Mediterranean Sea in the context of climate change</i> Sami Mili, University of Carthage, Faculty of Sciences of Bizerte; Rym Ennouri, Higher Institute of Marine Sciences of Bizerte, Tunisia (online) Peer Discussant: Justine Muller <i>Using material flows accounting to test EU global sustainability leadership credentials and to contextualise the geopolitical turn in its trade strategy</i> Barry Finnegan, Queen's University Belfast (online) Peer Discussant: Yeong Jae Kim <i>Towards Fishery Sustainability through Integrating International Fisheries Regulations into a Multilateral Trade Agreement: Causes, Consequences and Necessary Changes</i> I-Ju Chen, University of Exeter, School of Law Peer Discussant: Jesus Robles/Zamira Xhaferri 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The political economy of green industrial policy: National strategic positioning amid China-United States tensions</i> Sou Hwan Kang, Korea University Sejong Campus; Bruno Arcand, School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University (online) Peer Discussant: Xiaoran Li <i>Constructing Alternatives? China's South-South Environmental Cooperation and the Governance of Global Green Norms</i> Jiuyang Li, University of Bath; Yixian Sun, University of Bath; Michael Bloomfield, University of Bath Peer Discussant: Sow Hwan Kang and Bruno Arcand <i>Net-zero subsidies: advancing the green transition while maintaining a level playing field</i> Elettra Bargellini, Dublin City University (online) Peer Discussant: Mona Hormand and Mehdi Tavakoli
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Agents of Supply Change: Discursive Barriers to Mandatory Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence (MHREDD) in Canada</i> Emma Bowick, University of Victoria; Sophia Carodenuto, University of Victoria; Claire Cutler, University of Victoria; Janina Grabs, University of Basel Peer Discussant: Yago Ferreira Freire <i>The Extraterritoriality Paradox of EU Sustainability Due Diligence</i> Silvia Ciacchi, Erasmus University Rotterdam Peer Discussant: Barry Finnegan / GTL organisers <i>Environmental performance and firm-level regulatory spillovers</i> Leonhard Hummel, TU München (online) Peer Discussant: Timothé Beaufigli 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Smart Contracts in Green Trade: Legitimacy and Implementation in the Middle East Petrochemical Sector</i> Mehdi Tavakoli, Iran Central Bar Association Mona Hormand, Erasmus University Rotterdam (online) Peer Discussant: Elettra Bargellini <i>From Fossil Fuels to Renewables: Monopoly Risks and Trade Dependencies in Transition</i> Chris Schönherr, Technical University of Munich, Chair of International Relations Peer Discussant: Saheli Wikramanayake <i>Greening on the Margins? Legal Effectiveness of the Trade and Sustainable Development Chapter in the EU–Mercosur Agreement</i> Nathália Kovalski Cabral, Vale do Rio Dos Sinos University (online) Peer Discussant: Caroline Bertram / GTL organisers
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