

Invitation

FIW-Trade Talks

‘Revitalizing the World Trading System’ with Alan Wm. Wolff (PIIE)

January 8, 2023, 4:00 p.m. CET
Online-Event-Series

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

FIW is pleased to announce the next edition of FIW-Trade Talks.

Harald Oberhofer discusses the topic ‘Revitalizing the World Trading System’ with Alan Wm. Wolff (Peterson Institute for International Economics).

This Trade Talk will focus on the challenges for the current trading system and how it should be reformed in the future, based on the insights of Alan Wm. Wolff's recently published book.

Time: January 8, 2024, 4:00 p.m. (CET)

Venue: online event (Zoom)

Registration is requested:

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FIW Trade Talks is a series of events organized by the Research Centre International Economics (FIW). International economic researchers or high-level policy makers are interviewed on current topics in international economics and economic policy.

Alan Wm. Wolff

Alan Wm. Wolff is a distinguished visiting fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. Until joining PIIE, he was deputy director-general of the World Trade Organization (WTO). His research focuses on developing reforms of the WTO; responding to the role of the United States, the European Union, and China in the international trading system; and serving the needs of all countries in using trade to achieve economic prosperity.



At the WTO, Wolff was responsible for divisions dealing with accessions, agriculture, trade and the environment, standards, translation, and information technology support. He is a founder of the Trade for Peace (T4P) Initiative, which joins the WTO, the International Financial Institutions and the peace community in their efforts to provide assistance to fragile and conflict-affected countries. He served as chair of the WTO's Consultative Framework Mechanism for Cotton Development Assistance. During the six months ending on March 1, 2021, he was co-acting director-general of the WTO.

Prior to joining the WTO Secretariat, Wolff was a leading member of the trade bar pioneering a team approach of combining economics, law, and forensic analysis to address problems in international competition. He has lectured on trade policy and related subjects at universities around the world.

He holds a JD degree from Columbia University and an AB degree from Harvard College.

Harald Oberhofer

Harald Oberhofer is a Senior Economist at WIFO, the Austrian Institute of Economic Research. He is Professor of Economics at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. His research interests include International Economics, empirical Industrial Organisation and Applied Econometrics. Harald Oberhofer studied at the University of Innsbruck and holds a doctorate in Economics and Social Sciences from the University of Innsbruck.



Harald Oberhofer regularly serves as a consultant to international organisations such as the OECD and the World Bank, where he analyses the impact of institutional regulations on firm performance, also over the business cycle.

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