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# THE RESHAPING OF THE RULES-BASED TRADING SYSTEM

## CHALLENGES FOR EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES



PUBLIC LECTURE  
6 OCTOBER 2025 | 6 P.M. | LECTURE HALL 5

IN COOPERATION WITH  
INSTITUT FÜR WIRTSCHAFT UND REGULIERUNG &  
STIFTUNG PROFESSOR HEINRICH KRONSTEIN STIPENDIUM

In her lecture, Prof. Isabelle Van Damme will explore the strategic challenges for Europe and the United States, and the transatlantic alliance, against the background of the rules-based trading system under stress as a result of geopolitical tensions, supply chain disruptions, rapid technological changes, industrial policies and the increased use of security-driven trade restrictions.



**Isabelle Van Damme** is Professor of International Economic Law and Director of Studies at the World Trade Institute/University of Bern. She completed her studies in law at the University of Gent (2002) and at Georgetown University (LLM) in 2003. After working a year at Georgetown University Law Center and the Journal of International Economic Law, she wrote her PhD on ‘Treaty Interpretation by the WTO Appellate Body’ at the University of Cambridge (2004–2007). During her PhD, she interned at the World Trade Organization (WTO) Appellate Body Secretariat, worked at the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs of the UN Secretariat, and was a Global Law Fellow at Columbia University.

Prior to her appointment to the University of Bern, Isabelle acted as a partner at a Brussels-based law firm for several governments in WTO and FTA dispute settlement proceedings.

The lecture will be followed by a small aperitif. The event is open to the public and free of charge.

Registration until 30 September 2025.

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