



CALL FOR PAPERS

International Conference on International Trade and Investment

Globalisation at Crossroads: Implications for the Developing World
20-21 December 2011, Le Meridien Hotel, Mauritius

Organized by the University of Mauritius and the WTO Chairs Programme

Globalisation is often cited as the dominant international economic trend stimulating the opening of the world economy. Many developing nations have significantly reduced their tariffs, opened their services sectors, and embraced foreign investment either unilaterally, or in bilateral trade agreements. Similarly, many rich nations including BRICs have had favourable experiences with unilateralism and regionalism to advance market-opening goals. But despite the growth of international trade and capital flows, there are still wide disparities in development among and within countries. As the global economy expands, all nations big and small are increasingly being affected by the effects of globalisation. In this light, the objective of this conference is to provide a forum for academics and practitioners from all corners of the globe to *critically* address these effects with the aim of coming up with suggestions which will lead to solutions which can help to improve the performance of developing countries.

The international Conference on **International Trade and Investment** with the theme **“Globalisation at Crossroads: Implications for the Developing World”** comes at an opportune time. The conference will provide you with an opportunity to get acquainted with the latest thinking in international trade, investment, aid, regional integration, trade competitiveness, climate change, labour market issues and poverty.

As such, this conference invites conceptual or empirical research presentations, and/or country context case studies, thus enabling both academics and practitioners to understand the effects of globalisation on the socio-cultural, economic and technological dimensions of developing countries. Delegates are invited to present completed research projects or work

in progress. Submissions and presentations must address both the theoretical and practical implications of the findings.

Parallel tracks of refereed presentations will enable authors to obtain constructive feedback on their study. In addition to a high quality and enriching research experience, we will also provide delegates with the opportunity to explore the beautiful island of Mauritius.

About WTO Chairs Programme

The WTO Chairs Programme (WCP) seeks to enhance knowledge and understanding of the trading system among academics, citizens and policy makers in developing countries by stimulating teaching, research and public debate on international trade and trade cooperation at the level of tertiary education and research institutions.

The WTO provides financial support for a period of four years to academic institutions (The University of Mauritius being one), and facilitates continuous interaction between institutions, ministries, civil society, private sector, students and academics. It also supports academic institutions and associated individual scholars from developing countries in the following areas: course preparation, teaching, research and information dissemination. The ultimate objective of the WTO Chairs Programme is to strengthen the human and institutional capacities of universities from developing countries to support governments in the formulation of sound trade policies. One of the main objectives of WCP is to promote research focused on extending specialized knowledge and explaining the policy relevance of existing research.

Call for Papers

The organizing committee invites abstract/extended abstract submission from researchers and practitioners in the field of international trade and investment. All abstracts should be formatted to facilitate the review process. Author's names and details, including names of all co-authors plus affiliations and addresses for general correspondence (including email address) of each author, and a brief personal profile (maximum 100 words) of the presenter, should appear on a separate cover page that will be removed prior to review.

Abstracts should clearly identify the primary speaker's address, mailing address, telephone number and fax number. In submitting an abstract, at least one author undertakes to attend the conference if the final paper is accepted. In addition, one author should not have more than two submissions, as either a single or a co author. All submissions should be forwarded via email (as a word.doc attachment) to the conference office at v.tandrayen@uom.ac.mu and b.sectanah@uom.ac.mu and will be blind reviewed.

Authors of accepted abstracts will need to submit the complete paper (maximum 5,000-6,000 words) by October 15, 2011. Accepted papers will be published in proceedings, which will be distributed to conference delegates at registration time. The proceedings will also be available online on the conference web site. In addition, a conference best paper will be selected from full paper submissions only. Candidates wishing to be considered for the best paper award should clearly stipulate same upon registration.

Preference will be given to those submissions that indicate a clear contribution to the present body of theoretical knowledge in international trade and investment.

In particular, for the 2011 Edition, we welcome papers addressing, but not limited to the following themes:

- Globalisation: Prospects and Challenges for Developing Countries
- International Capital Flows
- Exchange Rate Policies
- Trade, Energy and Climate Change
- Trade and Food Security
- The Impact of Economic Crises on Trade
- Trade, Governance and Economic Development
- Aid for Trade
- Barriers to Trade
- Competition Policy and Trade Liberalisation
- Trade in Services
- Agricultural Trade and Poverty Alleviation
- Foreign Direct Investment
- Regional Trade Agreements
- Trade and the Labour Market
- Trade and Gender Issues
- International Trade Law and Disputes

Abstract Submission Deadline: July 15th, 2011

Notification of Acceptance: August 15th, 2011

Submission of Full Paper: October 15th, 2011

Early Bird Registration: November 5th, 2011

Latest Deadline for Registration: November 25th, 2011

Conference Fees

Early Registration (by November 5 th , 2011):	US \$200
Normal Registration (by November 25 th , 2011):	US \$250
Student:	US \$150

For more information on the conference, please visit our website <http://sites.uom.ac.mu/wtochair/>

Keynote Speakers: We are delighted to announce that we will have plenary sessions on each day.

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