

Invitation

Book presentation „Focus on External Trade 2017/2018“

Protectionism: Causes, manifestations, economic effects

2017 and the first months of 2018 were globally and in Europe characterized by a strong business cycle with subdued inflation, by steps towards a normalization of monetary policies, by a continuation of populist tendencies and global tensions and in particular by setbacks in global trade integration and an escalation of protectionist measures. It becomes increasingly obvious that the last two factors - besides so far quite muted direct effects - generate uncertainty and can thus seriously endanger the economic recovery.

It is thus no surprise that increasing tensions in international economic relations, pointing even towards a trade war, have moved into the focus of policy makers' and media attention.

The workshop presents major findings from the book: For one thing, it provides an up-to-date overview of the global and Austrian economy relevant for an understanding of recent and future developments in Austria's trade in goods and services as well as in foreign direct investment. For another, it presents findings on recent trends towards protectionism and the EU's responses.

Date:

Monday, June 18, 2018, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Place:

Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)
Welthandelsplatz 1, 1020 Vienna
Library & Learning Center (LC), Festsaal 2

Registration:

Please register at helga.dabsch@wko.at or under 05 90 900-4332 by June 15, 2018, at the latest.

Please note that photos will be taken during the event and may be published.



Program

1:30 pm	<p>Opening</p> <p><i>Jesus Crespo Cuaresma/ Vienna University of Economics and Business, Department of Economics (WU)</i></p>
1:45 pm - 3:00 pm	<p>Current developments in the economy and in foreign trade</p> <p><i>Chair: Ralf Kronberger/WKÖ</i></p> <p><i>Julia Wörz/OeNB</i> <i>Developments in world trade against the background of global economic developments</i></p> <p><i>Christian Ragacs, Klaus Vondra/OeNB</i> <i>Austrian economic activity and price competitiveness</i></p> <p><i>Leonhard Pertl/WKÖ</i> <i>Austria's foreign trade in goods</i></p> <p><i>Bianca Uilly, Jacob Wagner/OeNB</i> <i>Austria's foreign trade in services</i></p> <p><i>Thomas Cernohous/OeNB</i> <i>Austria's foreign direct investments</i></p>
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Coffee break
3:15 - 4:30 pm	<p>Protectionism: Causes, manifestations, economic effects</p> <p><i>Chair: Ernest Gnan/OeNB</i></p> <p><i>Jesus Crespo Cuaresma/ Vienna University of Economics and Business, Department of Economics (WU)</i> <i>International trade: Facts and fictions</i></p> <p><i>Ralf Kronberger/WKÖ</i> <i>Taxes and protective trade measures and how WTO rules try to prevent them</i></p> <p><i>Robert Stehrer/Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)</i> <i>Non-Tariff Measures becoming ever more important, but also trickier to evaluate</i></p> <p><i>Claudia Stowasser/WKÖ</i> <i>Recent developments in the EU's trade policy</i></p>