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Trends in Trade and Investment: Impact on the Asia-Pacific

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Abstract: International trade and investment relations are undergoing a tremendous shift. The World Trade Organization remains the important institutional foundation for trading relations, but free trade agreements have proliferated in the last decade to take a place of prominence. At the same time, international investment agreements have also proliferated, adding stability but also complexity into the system. The Asia-Pacific region has not only been effected by these shifts, but an active participant. This talk reviews the latest developments and predicts the likely effect on the region in the next decade.

Speaker Biography: Professor Bryan Mercurio is the Vice Chancellor's Outstanding Fellow of the Faculty of Law and Associate Dean (Research) at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Professor Mercurio's work frequently deals with the intersection of trade and intellectual property, free trade agreements, dispute settlement and increasingly international investment law. Prior to academia, Professor Mercurio worked in the trade policy bureau for the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) before practicing international trade, intellectual property and commercial law in Australia. He is a frequent advisor to law firms, hedge funds, international organizations, NGOs and several governments on wide range of matters.