

“Global Trade Reconstruction and WTO Reform”

Parallel Session of the 8th Hongqiao International Economic Forum

Date: Afternoon, November 5, 2025

Venue: Hall C0-02 , Office Building C , National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai)

Hosts: Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China

Organizers: Shanghai University of International Business and Economics

Introduction:

At present, the international economic and trade order is facing severe challenges. The global economy lacks sufficient growth momentum, and international trade is under increasing pressure for profound reconstruction. The latest report released by the WTO has revised the forecast for global merchandise trade growth in 2026 down to 0.5%, underscoring the urgency of strengthening international coordination and cooperation. Against this backdrop, how to leverage complementary strengths to build synergy and seize the opportunities arising from the reconstruction of global trade has become a central focus of the international community.

Under the theme “Global Trade Reconstruction and WTO Reform,” this parallel session will bring together representatives from government, industry, academia, and research institutions to engage in in-depth discussions on key issues of global economic governance, including the current turbulence in international trade, global trade reconstruction, and WTO reform. Through high-level dialogue and exchanges, the parallel session aims to enhance understanding of global trade dynamics and trends, foster confidence in trade development, build consensus on cooperation, and contribute collective wisdom to exploring pathways toward sustainable and inclusive growth.

Program:

Time	Session
15:00-15:15	<p>Keynote Speech</p> <p>Moderator: Tian Wei CGTN</p> <p>Speakers: Yan Dong Vice Minister, Ministry of Commerce, China (video address) Johanna Hill Deputy Director-General, WTO (video address)</p>
15:15-15:50	<p>Panel Discussion 1: The Implications of the Current Turbulence in Global Trade</p> <p>Moderator: Tian Wei CGTN</p> <p>Speakers: Wang Rongming President, Shanghai University of International Business and Economics Guo Peng Executive Director, Zhengzhou Airport Economy Zone Administrative Committee Carlo D’ Andrea Vice President, European Union Chamber of Commerce in China Cui Fan Professor, University of International Business and Economics</p>

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15:50-16:25	<p>Panel Discussion 2: Global Trade Reconstruction: Opportunities, Challenges and Pathway</p> <p>Moderator: Tian Wei CGTN</p> <p>Speakers: Ju Jiandong Chair Professor, PBC School of Finance, Tsinghua University Bernard Hoekman Professor, European University Institute Song Hong Senior Fellow, Institute of Economics of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Huang Peng Director, Shanghai Institute of Open Economy</p>
16:25-17:00	<p>Panel Discussion 3: Advancing Deep Reform of the WTO: Priority Issues and Pathways Forward</p> <p>Moderator: Tian Wei CGTN</p> <p>Speakers: Yi Xiaozhun Former Vice Minister of Commerce of China Alejandro Jara Former Ambassador of Chile to WTO Lu Xiankun Founder, the Friends of Multilateralism Group</p>