

# Open Trade and Security-based Development

**Date:** 15:00-18:00, November 5, 2025 (Wednesday)

**Venue:** Conference Room A002, 3rd Floor, Building A, Office Building, National Exhibition Center (Shanghai)

**Host:** Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China

**Co-host:** Renmin University of China

**Organizers:** Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies, Renmin University of China (RDCY)  
School of Global Leadership, Renmin University of China (SGL)

## Introduction:

This parallel session will bring together guests from political, academic, and international organizations, as well as international media, to discuss open trade amid the backlash against economic globalization, trade and security development in the context of geopolitical instability, as well as key issues such as trade policy coordination, industrial chain resilience, digital economy security, and global governance cooperation. The discussions aim to provide new perspectives and solutions for fostering an open, secure, and win-win new framework for the international economy and trade.

## AGENDA:

Time	Speaker
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**Forum Moderator:** **Xu Qinduo** Host of Dialogue on China Global Television Network (CGTN), Current Affairs Commentator

### 1. Opening Remark (10minutes)

15:00-15:10 **Zhang Donggang** | Secretary of the CPC Committee  
Renmin University of China

### 2. Keynote Speech (20minutes)

15:10-15:20 **Michelle Umurungi** | Chief Investment Officer, RWANDA  
Development Board

15:20-15:30 **Jeffrey Sachs** | Professor at Columbia University, USA, and  
Former Senior Advisor to the United Nations (Video Speech)

### 3. Report Release (10minutes)

15:30-15:40 Report: Toward 2050: The Symbiotic Path for Trade Security  
Development Between China and the World  
**Wang Wen** | Dean, Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies  
Renmin University of China (RDCY); Dean, School of Global  
Leadership, Renmin University of China

#### 4. Roundtable Discussion 1: Trade and Security-based Development amid Geopolitical Turmoil (50minutes)

15:40-16:30 **Moderator:**

**Wang Wen** | Dean, Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies  
Renmin University of China (RDCY); Dean, School of Global  
Leadership, Renmin University of China

**Martin Jacques** | Former Senior Fellow of Department of  
Politics and International Studies, Cambridge University, UK

**George Laryea-Adjei** | Director of UNICEF Programme Group

**Le Yucheng** | Former Vice Foreign Minister of the People's  
Republic of China; Former Vice Minister of the National Radio  
and Television Administration

**Jin Keyu** | Economist, Professor at Hong Kong University of  
Science and Technology (HKUST)

**Rani Jarkas** | Chairman of Cedrus group; Chairman, Board  
of Directors

#### 5. Strategic Dialogue (40minutes)

16:30-17:10 **Moderator:**

**Xu Qinduo** | Host of Dialogue on China Global Television  
Network (CGTN), Current Affairs Commentator

**Thomas J. Sargent** | Awardee of the Nobel Prize in Economics  
in 2011

**Victor Gao** | Renowned Chinese Scholar

#### 6. Roundtable Discussion 2: Open Trade amid the Backlash against Economic Globalization (50minutes)

17:10-18:00 **Moderator:**

**Wang Wen** | Dean, Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies  
Renmin University of China (RDCY); Dean, School of Global  
Leadership, Renmin University of China

**John Ross** | Former Director of Economic and Business Policy  
for the Mayor of London, Winner of 2024 Chinese Government  
Friendship Award

**Frederick Ma Si-Hang** | Chairman of the Hong Kong Trade  
Development Council

**Joe Nguyễn** | Director, Washington State Department of  
Commerce

**Penne Kehl** | Group President of Cargill Agriculture and Trading  
APAC