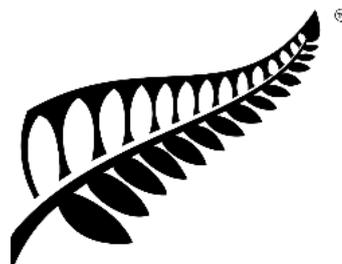




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Public Policy Institute, University of Auckland

**“Advancing Inclusivity and Sustainability through Trade in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”**

**4 & 5 December 2020**

**Fale Pasifika, University of Auckland**

Over the past thirty years, we have witnessed significant reduction in tariffs, an increase in APEC’s share of world trade, and a considerable growth in the number of trade agreements. New and increased market access coupled with enhanced enforceability of global trade rules has contributed to increased international openness and economic integration.

Yet, despite these achievements, we are living in a world where “uncertainty is the new normal”.<sup>1</sup> Political and trade tensions remain, the reform of the WTO’s dispute settlement process is still unresolved and, as APEC’s economy has grown, so has its environmental footprint.<sup>2</sup> Now 2020 has brought with it a new uncertainty. Coronavirus Covid-19 arguably represents the greatest challenge to the global and domestic economies since the financial crisis of 2008, bringing with it increased restrictions on the movement of people, goods and services, falls in business and consumer confidence, and slowing production.

Simultaneously, we are witnessing the EU and some national governments’ attempts to implement a more inclusive and sustainable approach to the process and substance of trade agreements.<sup>3</sup> Driven in part by commitments to the Sustainable Development Goals, these initiatives are also a result of public pressure for trade policy to rebuild social licence by responding more effectively to these challenges. As such, Indigenous and social rights, gender equality, climate change mitigation and carbon tariffs, and sharing prosperity are critical issues for “future fit” trade policies.

Given the Asia-Pacific region's growing economic weight, APEC can play an important role in contributing to the global response to these challenges. Looking ahead to New Zealand’s hosting of APEC 2021, the 2020 University of Auckland Trade and Economic Policy School (#ATEPS2020) will bring together leading national and international experts on trade policy to discuss what is required to advance inclusive and sustainable trade in today’s highly volatile economic environment.

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<sup>1</sup> Dato’ Sri Norazman Ayob, Deputy Secretary General of Industry of Malaysia’s Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

<sup>2</sup> APEC Regional Trends Analysis: APEC at 30: A Region in Constant Change, APEC Policy Support Unit May 2019.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/trade/nz-trade-policy/trade-for-all-agenda/> (2019); Trade for all - Towards a more responsible trade and investment policy, European Union (2015).

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# About the Public Policy Institute Te Whare Marea Tātari Kaupapa

The Public Policy Institute (PPI) has been established to foster independent, critical research on key policy issues affecting New Zealand, the Asia Pacific, and the global community.

We bring together researchers from across disciplines to create and disseminate evidence-informed, policy-relevant knowledge that speaks to policy agendas, amplifies policy impact, and grows our partnerships with governments, both local and central, as well as non-profits, communities and others engaged in policy research and evaluation in New Zealand and internationally.

The PPI is committed to creating strong relationships with iwi and hapū to ensure that all aspects of our research, teaching, and external activities support and engage with mātauranga Māori and the goals of Māori self-determination and development.

The PPI is also home to the Master of Public Policy, where postgraduate students engage in learning and knowledge exchange with researchers and professionals to address a range of challenging policy questions.

## Research themes

- Gender, intersectionality and good governance
- Data, democracy and digital futures
- Global policy, trade and foreign affairs
- Wellbeing and equality across generations
- Diversity and justice in a bicultural society
- Liveability, ecology and infrastructure

## Sustainability

We are committed to following the principles of the [University's Sustainability Policy](#) and its implementation as per the [Event Sustainability Guide](#) and have worked to minimise environmental impact and reduce waste at this event.

# Programme

Friday 4 December 2020

12.00pm	<b>Registration Opens Lunch</b>	<b>Fale Pasifika</b>
1.00pm	<b>Formal Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michael Steedman, Ngāti Whātua, Kaiarataki, Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor Māori, UoA</li> <li>Assoc Prof Damon Salesa, Pro-Vice Chancellor Pacific, UoA</li> </ul>	Chair: Jennifer Curtin
1.15pm	<b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof Jenny Dixon, Deputy Vice Chancellor, UoA</li> </ul>	Chair: Jennifer Curtin
1.30pm	<b>Session One: COVID-19 and the new trade environment</b> <i>Pre-recorded</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rt Honourable Greg Hands, UK Minister of State for Trade Policy</li> <li>Wendy Cutler, Vice President and Managing Director, Asia Society Policy Institute, Washington D.C.</li> </ul>	Chairs: Stephanie Honey, Assoc Director, NZ International Business Forum  Rob Scollay
2.30pm	<b>Panel: Local reflections on the global context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof Natasha Hamilton-Hart, NZ Asia Institute, UoA</li> <li>Assoc Prof Rob Scollay, APEC Studies Centre, UoA</li> <li>Prof Anna Strutt, University of Waikato</li> <li>Rodney Jones, Principal, Wigram Capital Advisers</li> </ul>	Chair: Asha Sundaram
3.15pm	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	<b>Fale Pasifika</b>
3.45pm	<b>Session Two: The new “trade” environment: implications for Aotearoa New Zealand</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rachel Tauleilei, Chair, APEC Business Advisory Council, CEO, Kono</li> <li>Assoc Prof Collin Tukuitonga, Assoc Dean Pacific, UoA</li> <li>Fran O’Sullivan, Editorial Director, Business, NZME</li> <li>Mitchell Pham, Chair of NZ Digital Council and NZ Technology Industry Association</li> </ul>	Chair: Damon Salesa
5.00pm	<b>Break</b>	
5.15pm	<b>Session Three: Keynote</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government representative (TBC)</li> </ul>	Chairs: Jenny Dixon Jennifer Curtin
6.00-7.30pm	<b>Welcome Reception</b>	<b>Unleash Space</b>

## Saturday 5 December 2020

8.45am	<b>Day 2 Registrations Arrival Tea and Coffee</b>	<b>Fale Pasifika</b>
9.15am	<b>Session Four: Keynote</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government representative (TBC)</li> </ul>	Chair: Michael Steedman
10.15am	<b>Panel: Indigenous Trade and the Māori Economy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assoc Prof Maria Bargh, School of Māori Studies, Victoria University of Wellington</li> <li>Dr Amokura Kawharu, President, NZ Law Commission</li> <li>Hōne McGregor, Trade for All Advisory Board member, Our Land and Water governance group chair</li> </ul>	Chair: Michael Steedman
11.00am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Fale Pasifika</b>
11.15am	<b>Session Five: Advancing Gender Inclusive Trade Agreements</b> <i>Pre-recorded</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Marion Jansen, OECD</li> <li>Georgina Wainwright-Kemdirim, Special Advisor, Global Affairs Canada</li> </ul>	Chairs: Stephanie Honey Jennifer Curtin
12.15pm	<b>Panel: Gender and Trade</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carrie Stoddart-Smith, Principal Indigenous Trade and Economies, Opinio Native</li> <li>Stephanie Honey, Associate Director of the New Zealand International Business Forum.</li> <li>Afamasaga Jackie Curry (Spacific Consulting)</li> </ul>	Chair: Jennifer Curtin
1.00pm	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Fale Pasifika</b>
1.30pm	<b>Session Six: Green Trade and Sustainability</b> <i>Pre-recorded</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Aik Hoe Lim, Director, Trade and Environment, World Trade Organization</li> <li>Alice Tipping, Lead, Fisheries Subsidies at the International Institute for Sustainable Development</li> </ul>	Chairs: Frank Scrimgeour Maureen Benson-Rea
2.30pm	<b>Panel Green Trade</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof Frank Scrimgeour</li> <li>Assoc Prof Maureen Benson-Rea</li> <li>Speaker 3 (TBC)</li> </ul>	Chair: Fran O'Sullivan
3.15pm	<b>Session Seven: APEC 2021 Panel Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vangelis Vitalis, Deputy Secretary Trade and Economic, MFAT</li> <li>Chris Karamea-Insley, Chair, Te Taumata</li> <li>Speaker 3 TBC</li> </ul>	Chair: Rob Scollay
3.45-4.00pm	<b>Concluding Comments</b>	<b>Vangelis Vitalis Jennifer Curtin</b>