



CENTRO STUDI LUCA D'AGLIANO

## Sixteenth Luca d'Agliano Lecture in Development Economics

# IS MULTILATERALISM DEAD?: TRADE IN THE ERA OF TRUMP

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in the Arts and Sciences and  
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## Robert W. Staiger

Robert W. Staiger is the Roth Family Distinguished Professor in the Arts and Sciences, and Professor of Economics, at Dartmouth College. He is also a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Staiger's research focuses on international trade policy rules and institutions, with particular emphasis on the economics of the GATT/WTO. His research has been published in numerous academic journals, and in a book, *The Economics of the World Trading System*, co-authored with Kyle Bagwell and published by The MIT Press (2002). He recently served as Editor, with Kyle Bagwell, of *The Handbook of Commercial Policy*, published by Elsevier in December 2016.

Staiger received his A.B. from Williams College in 1980 and his Ph.D. from Michigan in 1985. He was an Assistant Professor of Economics at Stanford from 1985 through 1991 and promoted to tenure in 1991. In 1993 he joined the Economics Department at Wisconsin, where he remained until his return to Stanford in 2006. In 2011 he rejoined the Economics Department at Wisconsin, before joining the Economics Department at Dartmouth in the Fall of 2014.

Staiger was a National Fellow of the Hoover Institution (1988-89), an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow (1990-92), a Senior Staff Economist at CEA (1991-92) and a Fellow at CASBS at Stanford (1996-97). He was a Co-Editor of the *Journal of International Economics* from 1995 to 2010 and served as Editor (with Charles Engel) from 2010 through 2017; he was a Reporter for the American Law Institute in its study of *Principles of Trade Law: The World Trade Organization (2002-12)*; and he has served on the selection panel for the WTO's *Award for Young Economists* since 2009. He is also a Fellow of the Econometric Society (since 2008). In the Fall of 2016 Staiger gave the Ohlin Lectures at the Stockholm School of Economics, and in the Spring of 2018 he gave the Graham Lecture at Princeton University.

## Is Multilateralism Dead?: Trade in the Era of Trump

Individuals are the ultimate drivers of globalization, but governments set the rules of the game and the rules can be very important to the outcome. Sometimes the rules may need updating, but how do we know if that time has arrived, and how can we decide which rules to discard and which to keep? In this lecture, Professor Robert Staiger addresses these questions through the lens of economic research on the purpose and design of trade agreements, and asks: "Is multilateralism as embodied in the World Trade Organization — dead?".

## Programme

*Sixteenth Luca d'Agliano Lecture:*

## “Is Multilateralism Dead?: Trade in the Era of Trump”

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### 17.00 *Welcoming Address*

**FRANCESCO PROFUMO** (President, Compagnia di San Paolo)

**GIORGIO BARBA NAVARETTI** (Professor of Economics, University of Milan; Scientific Director, Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano; Vice President, Collegio Carlo Alberto)

### 17.10 *Introduction to the Lecture*

**THIERRY VERDIER** (Paris School of Economics; Chairman, Scientific Advisory Board, Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano)

### 17.20 *Lecture*

### 18.20 *Discussants*

**GIANMARCO I.P. OTTAVIANO** (Professor of Economics, Bocconi University and London School of Economics and Political Science; Coordination Committee, Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano)

**ANTHONY J. VENABLES** (Professor of Economics, University of Oxford; Director, Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies; Member of the Scientific Advisory Board, Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano)

### 18.40 *Debate*

## The Luca d'Agliano Lectures in Development Economics

*The Luca d'Agliano Lectures in Development Economics are organised every year in Turin thanks to the generous support of the Compagnia di San Paolo. They aim at favouring the diffusion of the ideas of the best world thinkers in the field to a non specialised audience. The ultimate objective of the Lectures is to help grounding the general debate on development issues, often confused and muddled, into sound economic analysis.*

### Past Luca d'Agliano Lecturers:

**2003 - Pranab Bardhan** (Professor of Economics, University of California, Berkeley): *"Globalisation and the Poor"*;

**2004 - Dani Rodrik** (Professor of International Political Economy, Harvard University): *"Rethinking Economic Growth in Developing Countries"*;

**2006 - Jeffrey G. Williamson** (Laird Bell Professor of Economics, Harvard University): *"Globalization and Underdevelopment in the Pre-Modern Third World"*;

**2006 - François Bourguignon** (Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, World Bank; Professor of Economics, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris): *"Employment and Development: Good Jobs, Bad Jobs"*;

**2007 - Paul R. Krugman** (Professor of Economics and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University): *"Does Outsourcing Change Everything?"*;

**2008 - Anthony J. Venables** (Professor of Economics, Oxford University; Director, Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies): *"Accelerating Economic Growth in Africa"*;

**2009 - Barry Eichengreen** (George C. Pardee and Helen N. Pardee Professor of Economics and Professor of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley): *"The Dollar in Doubt"*;

**2010 - Nemat (Minouche) Shafik** (Permanent Secretary, Department for International Development): *"The Future of Aid"*;

**2011 - Thierry Verdier** (Scientific Director, Paris School of Economics): *"The Role of Cultural Diversity in Growth and Development: What do Economists Have to Say about This?"*;

**2012 - Timothy Besley** (School Professor of Economics and Political Science, London School of Economics and Political Science): *"State Effectiveness and Economic Development"*;

**2013 - Kevin H. O'Rourke** (All Souls College, University of Oxford): *"Globalization and Industrialization in the Long Run"*;

**2014 - Martin Ravallion** (Edmond D. Villani Professor of Economics, Georgetown University): *"The Idea of Antipoverty Policy"*;

**2015 - Jean-Philippe Platteau** (Professor Emeritus, University of Namur): *"Religion, Politics, and Development: Is Islam a Special Issue?"*;

**2016 - J. Vernon Henderson** (School Professor of Economic Geography, London School of Economics and Political Science): *"Building African Cities"*;

**2017 - Kaushik Basu** (Professor of Economics and Carl Marks Professor of International Studies, Cornell University; Former Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, The World Bank): *"Culture, Corruption, and the Law. Challenges for a Globalizing World"*.

## Luca d'Agliano

*Luca d'Agliano was born in Turin on July 4th, 1961. In September 1980, he went up to Churchill College, University of Cambridge, where he read philosophy and then economics. On taking his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1983, he was awarded a scholarship by the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi, Turin, and was admitted to St. Anthony's College, University of Oxford. Here, under the guidance of Amartya Sen, he studied questions relating to developing countries and welfare economics.*

*It was Luca's vision that the study of economics should be "... continually carried over into practical applications, above all when attempting to solve problems that limit the growth of man's well-being. For this substantially ideological reason, it becomes important to combine close study of purely theoretical matters with a study of the problems afflicting the developing countries in their struggle against poverty [...]".*

*Nearly a year later, Luca d'Agliano lost his life in a road accident (June 1984).*

## Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano

*The Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano was founded in Turin in 1986 by the family of Luca d'Agliano, his friends, and some of his teachers. It is currently located at the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi in Torino and at the University of Milan. It is a non-profit research institution contributing original research in the field of international and development economics. Particular emphasis is placed on the training of young scholars and in giving them the opportunity of acquiring a truly international perspective. The activities of the Centro Studi mainly focus on academic research, but it also greatly contributes to the policy debate.*

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