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Social standards and human rights clauses in trade agreements: Window dressing, hidden protectionism or furthering the cause?

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What are the forces pushing to include social and human rights standards (SHS) into trade agreements? Where does this push draw its legitimacy from? What are the merits of including SHS in trade agreements? And what are the dangers? How can “hidden agendas” be avoided? What does all this portend on global trade negotiations? These and other questions will be at the heart of this session organized by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and 3D → Trade – Human Rights – Equitable Economy.

Speakers:

- Eduardo Muñoz Gómez, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Colombia to the WTO
- John Clarke, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Permanent Delegation of the European Union
- Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International
- Claudia Hofmann, Research Associate, University of Kassel, Germany

Moderators:

- Felix Kirchmeier, Senior Program Officer, FES Geneva
- Violette Ruppanner, Director, 3D → Trade – Human Rights – Equitable Economy

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