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**Political Economy of Trade Policy and Development:  
Theories and Institutions  
Summer School**

**Wednesday 27 August to Sunday 31 August 2003,  
University of Milan  
Palazzo Feltrinelli, Gargnano (BS), ITALY.**

**Deadline: 9 June 2003**

**Organisers:** Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)

Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano

Department of Economics, University of Milan

**Lecturers:** Bernard Hoekman, Development Research Group, The World Bank and CEPR

Thierry Verdier, DELTA (Paris) and CEPR

**Selection Committee:** Giorgio Barba Navaretti, University of Milan, Joseph Francois, University of Rotterdam and CEPR, André Sapir, Université Libre de Bruxelles and CEPR, Anthony J. Venables, London School of Economics and CEPR

## **General Description**

The school intends to provide an intensive training course for young researchers who are interested in new trends in theoretical, empirical and institutional aspects of trade policy and political economy for developing countries. The lectures will focus on trade protection, on the efficiency and the redistributive impacts of trade and on the role of international agreements. The school is open to 30 students from all countries. Students are expected to attend the school full time.

The school is organised as part of the Research Training Network in Trade Industrialisation and Development funded by the European Commission. The network includes the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), the London School of Economics, the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, the Département et Laboratoire d'Economie Théorique et Appliquée (DELTA), Paris, the European Centre for Advanced Research in Economics and Statistics (ECARES) at Université Libre de Bruxelles, Trinity College Dublin, the Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano, Bocconi University, Milan, the Tinbergen Institute, University of Rotterdam, Pennsylvania State University

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## **Lectures:**

*Political Economy of Trade Protection and Development: Theory aspects (Thierry Verdier)*

The objective of the lectures is to explain trade policy choices mostly from the point of view of developing countries. In particular, the focus of the lectures will be on the political economy of infant industries and declining industries as well as on distorted domestic markets. The lectures will survey models of efficiency and redistributive impacts of trade, political support function and tariff formation function approaches, voting models of trade protection, models of lobbying and protection for sale. Empirical work and stylised facts on patterns of protection will be also reviewed.

*International agreements: WTO and regional arrangements (Bernard Hoekman)*

The lectures will focus on the role of international agreements (WTO and regional) as instruments to overcome political economy constraints to domestic reforms and action. Specific trade policy issues will be analysed, such as trade and poverty (who gains from trade policies?), services (FDI) and government procurement, in addition to the traditional trade agenda.

## **Participants**

The school is targeted to 30 doctorate and post-doctorate students in economics and related disciplines.

## **Applications and deadlines**

The participants will be selected by the Selection Committee on the basis of the information included in the application forms. The applications should be submitted by e-mail to the Secretarial Office of the Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano (e-mail: [centro.dagliano@uni-bocconi.it](mailto:centro.dagliano@uni-bocconi.it)). The deadline for submission is the **9 June 2003**.

## **Fees and Scholarships:**

Participants will be charged 500€ covering registration, meals, boarding and background material. We hope to be able to offer a limited number of grants covering travelling expenses and fee wavers. *The grants will be assigned with priority to students from LDCs.*

**Location:** Palazzo Feltrinelli, Gargnano (BS), ITALY.

The school will take place at Palazzo Feltrinelli, on Lake Garda. This beautiful historical Villa is now owned by the University of Milan and is dedicated to Workshop and Meeting activities. Gargnano is a small resort village on Lake Garda, about 150 km east of Milan.

Foreign participants are advised to travel to either Milano or Brescia. Milano can be reached by plane from most countries or directly by train from European countries. People arriving by plane can then reach Milano Centrale Railway Station (<http://www.fs-on-line.com/>) in about one hour from **Malpensa airport**, where most overseas flights land, in about one hour from **Orio al Serio airport**, where Ryanair flights land, and in about 20 minutes from **Linate Airport** (<http://www.sea-aeroportimilano.it/>) where most other flights land. Public transport to Milano Railway Stations is available by bus from all airports and by train + underground from Malpensa airport; a taxi service is also available at a much higher rate.

Brescia can be reached by plain from London (flight Ryanair from London Stansted to **Verona Brescia airport**, <http://www.ryanair.com>). People arriving by plane can then reach Brescia Railway Station in about half an hour by bus.

Gargnano can be reached from Milano Centrale Railway Station by train + bus, and from Brescia Railway Station by bus. A train should be taken form Milano Centrale to Brescia and a bus from Brescia to Gargnano ([http://www.infopoint.it/trl\\_index.htm](http://www.infopoint.it/trl_index.htm)) (each trips takes about one hour). The bus station in Brescia is just outside Brescia Railway Station. Buses leave Brescia for Gargnano about every hour. Also, Gargnano can easily be reached by car, being close (about 40 Km) to the Milano-Venezia Motorway, we suggest to use the Brescia exit.

Timetables and maps will be provided to participants in due course.