

19:30 - 22:00 Jour Fixe hbs/taz (in cooperation with FDCL):

WTO vs. bilateral trade treaties - the case of EU-MERCOSUR

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Moderation **BarbaraFritz** (IIK)

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10:00 - 11:00 Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights

Leila Linhares Barsted (CEPIA) Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights in MERCOSUR

Moderation **Thomas Fatheuer** (hbs)

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-13:30 Approaches and mechanisms, networks and alternative strategies for the implementation of ESC-rights (national and international human-rights-protection)(part I)

Claudia Torrelli (REDES) Human rights aspects of the Cono Sur Sustentable - program

Daniel Maurício de Aragão (PIDHDD/Plataforma DhESC) The work of the Interamerican Platform for Human Rights, Democracy, and Development

Maria Elena Rodríguez (FASE / Plataforma DhESC) The work of the Plataforma DhESC in Brazil - Functioning and instruments

Moderation **Thomas Fatheuer** (hbs)

13:30 - 15:00 Lunch Break

15:00-18:15 Approaches and mechanisms, networks and alternative strategies for the implementation of ESC-rights (national and international human-rights-protection)(part II)

Sven Hilbig (JG / Plataforma DhESC) Approaches, instruments, mechanisms of national and international protection of human rights

Daniel Maurício de Aragão (PIDHDD / Plataforma DhESC) The project "Observatorio de los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales del MERCOSUR"

Maureen Meyer (PRODH) Approaches of civil society utilization of the human rights clause in the FTAs of the EU - Experiences of the FTA EU-Mexico

Moderation **Gerárd Karlshausen** (CNCD)

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Free trade between EU and MERCOSUR -

Impact of free trade, liberalization and privatization on development and human rights

At the I. Summit of Heads of State of the EU, Latin America and the Caribbean in Rio de Janeiro in June of 1999, the EU and the MERCOSUR had accorded the modalities for the negotiations on an "Interregional Association Agreement." Since the end of 1999 half-yearly negotiation rounds on the mutual liberalization of markets take place. After having set the course with respect to the political dialogue and cooperation at the II. Summit in Madrid in May of 2002, the III. Summit is of particular relevance with regards to the political embodiment of trade liberalization. According to official statements the agreement between MERCOSUR and EU will be signed already in the course of this year.

Following the initiative of EU-Commissioner in charge of External Relations, Chris Patten, the III. Summit of Heads of State from the EU, Latin America and the Caribbean, which will take place in Mexico at the end of May of 2004, attempts to make the issue of "social cohesion" a central topic of the summit, apart from the political and the free trade-agenda.

The conference organized by the Heinrich Böll Foundation (hbs) and the Center for Research and Documentation Chile - Latin America (FDCL) tries to investigate the impact of free trade, liberalization, privatization and foreign investment on development and human rights, by means of reviewing concrete cases of countries and sectors. Special attention will be given to the differing interests of the EU and the MERCOSUR with regards to the agricultural sector and the consequences of the liberalization of the drinking water market. National and international approaches and mechanisms for the protection of human rights will also be treated.

Program

03.05.2004

Opening Remarks: **Barbara Unmüssig** (hbs)

19:00 - 22:00 Free trade negotiations between the EU and MERCOSUR - an opportunity for development and human rights?

Karl-Heinz Stecher (MA MdB) Genesis, structure and orientation of free trade negotiations between MERCOSUR and EU

Jorge Balbis (ALOP) The participation of civil society in the negotiations for a free trade agreement between the EU and the MERCOSUR

Jorge Carpio (FOCO) Impact of free trade, liberalization and privatization on development and human rights in the MERCOSUR

Maria Elena Rodriguez (FASE / Plataforma DhESC) Impact of free trade, liberalization and privatization on development and human rights in the MERCOSUR

Moderation **Silke Helfrich** (hbs)

04.05.2004

Opening Remarks: **Jan Dunkhorst** (FDCL)

9:30 - 11:00 The case of Argentina

Jorge Carpio (FOCO) The case of Argentina: a model example for liberalization and privatization?

Moderation **Jan Dunkhorst** (FDCL)

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 13:30 The agricultural sector in the free trade negotiations between the EU and MERCOSUR / The case of Brazil: Interests, positions, consequences, alternatives

Alfredo G.A. Valladão (Chaire Mercosur) The importance of the agricultural sector in the negotiations for a free trade agreement between the EU and MERCOSUR

Wolfgang Hees (KoBra) Impact of free trade and European agricultural policy on Brazil

Rita Schwentesius de Rindermann (CIESTAAM) Alternatives to the existing agricultural order

Moderation **Kurt Damm** (FDCL)

13:30 - 15:00 Lunch Break

15:00 - 17:30 Liberalization and privatization of the water market and the role of European transnational companies

Thomas Fritz (Blue21 / attac) The commercialization of public goods through international trade regimes: The European interest for water

Claudia Torrelli (REDES) Uruguay: The water liberalization and the role of European transnational companies

Brid Brennan (TNI) Alternatives to water privatization

Moderation **Ingrid Spiller** (hbs)

17:30 - 19:30 Coffee Break