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## Session 491

# THE FUTURE OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM AND THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## PROGRAM

With the protracted negotiations on the Doha Trade Round stalled, what are the implications for the multilateral trading system and indeed the World Trade Organization (WTO) itself? Should the WTO and the 'single undertaking' be reformed? Is protectionism, and the number of preferential trading agreements and trade disputes increasing? Do outstanding issues have to be finalized before 'new' issues are addressed? What trade agenda can re-engage business in global negotiations, given many corporations can obviate trade barriers inter alia through their global supply chains? How can political support and leadership be generated? Can the WTO launch negotiations on new and Singapore issues such as investment without having concluded other negotiations?