



MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM AND THE NEW GENERATION FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

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The international trading system has witnessed a regeneration of regional trade agreements (RTAs) during the last two decades. Different circles critically examine the RTAs, as flawed alternatives to the WTO, while others argue the opposite. However, all argue that reconciliation between the WTO and RTAs is compelling.

The European Union is a main actor in multilateral trade negotiations and one of the frequent follower of free trade agreements. Against this backdrop policies pursued by the EU instigates an keen interest in Turkish business community and academic circles in the context of Turkey's Customs Union link.

Our main objectives, through this event, are to create awareness to multilateral trade issues among the Turkish business circles and the civil society, and to provide an analytical perspective for RTAs.

This event is jointly organized by **Economic Development Foundation (IKV)** and **TEPAV's Centre for Multilateral Trade Studies-MUTS**.

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