

Public Lecture with the New Zealand Nurses Organisation

Public Health, the Cost of Medicines and the Trans-Pacific Partnership Negotiations

A lecture by Deborah Gleeson, Lecturer, School of Public Health and Human
Biosciences, La Trobe University

With comments by Susy Frankel, Professor of Law, Victoria University of Wellington

About Deborah Gleeson

Deborah Gleeson is a Lecturer in the School of Public Health and Human Biosciences at La Trobe University, whose research focus is on the impact of trade agreements on health and the capacity for engagement between health and trade sectors. She is a noted commentator on the Australian /US Free Trade Agreement and its impact on Australian Medicines Benefits Scheme. More recently, she has raised concerns about increasingly intrusive provisions in the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) which threaten to enhance market access for pharmaceutical industry, while reducing the governments' flexibility to ensure access to affordable medicines for all citizens. As Convenor of the Political Economy of Health Special Interest Group of the Public Health Association of Australia, Dr Gleeson has been a key advocate for healthy trade agreements. She was an observer at the TPP round of negotiations in San Diego, and has published a number of papers examining the transparency annex and investor state dispute settlement provisions, which present a threat to national pharmaceutical purchasing schemes such as PHARMAC, and to public health initiatives such as tobacco and alcohol control and environmental protection. Dr Gleeson is also active in the People's Health Movement, a global network of health equity advocates.

About Professor Susy Frankel

Susy Frankel is Professor of Law at Victoria University of Wellington. She is also Director of the New Zealand Centre of International Economic Law. She has published a range of books, articles and given numerous conference presentations around the world on various aspects of intellectual property and trade law, including the TRIPS Agreement and other international intellectual property agreements.

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