Trans-Pacific Partnership Symposium

The New Zealand Centre of International Economic Law (NZCIEL) and the Faculty of Law at the University of Auckland (UoA) are committed to generating as much informed debate as possible on the proposed agreement and what it might mean for New Zealand. Leading up to the 15th round of negotiations in Auckland in December, we will be co-hosting this half-day public symposium to unpack what is at stake for New Zealand.

Session A: NZ Foreign Policy & Strategic Interests 9.00- 9.50am
Chair: Roderic Alley (Centre for Strategic Studies, VUW)
US strategy  Lori Wallach (US Public Citizen)
Foreign policy implications for NZ  Terence O’Brien (former NZ Diplomat)
APEC  Gary Hawke (Emeritus Prof, VUW)
Militarisation Issues  Paul Buchanan (Asia Pacific Strategic analyst)

Session B: TPP as Economic Strategy 9.50- 10.40am
Chair: Bill Rosenberg (CTU Economist and Director of Policy)
Benefits to NZ  John Yeabsley (NZIER)
Is TPPA NZ’s C21?  Geoff Bertram (Institute Governance and Policy Studies, VUW)
Relevance to Maori Development  speaker tbc
Implications for NZ business and jobs  Robert Reid (FIRST Union)

10.40am 11.00 short break

Session C: Implications for Domestic Regulation 11.00-12.00
Chair: Prof. Margaret Wilson (School of Law, University of Waikato)
IT & Innovation  Don Christie (CatalystIT)
Environmental Sustainability Simon  Terry (Sustainability Council of NZ)
Domestic Regulation  Sanya Reid Smith (Third World Network)

Closing Remarks: 12.00-12.30pm
Prof. Susy Frankel (Director NZCIEL, VUW) and Prof. Jane Kelsey (Faculty of Law, UoA)

Lunch 12.30-1.30pm

Wednesday, 28 November 2012, 9.00am – 1.30pm
Lecture Theatre 3, Rutherford House,
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