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Revisiting EU competitiveness in Asia in particular ADB Member Countries

Preliminary Workshop 16 November 2026 Online

On 16 November, Sandeep Bhattacharya from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) together with Irma Mosquera Valderrama (GLOBTAXGOV Project at the Leiden Law School -Leiden University the Netherlands), and Suranjali Tandon (National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi, India) organize an online (via zoom) Workshop on Revisiting EU competitiveness in Asia in particular ADB Member Countries.

This workshop will invite experts from academia, policy makers in Europe, the ADB and in Asia to discuss (i) how the key global challenges such as climate action, investment, trade, tax governance, and sustainability can be addressed in agreements concluded by the EU and ADB Member countries and (ii) How these agreements can foster sustainable growth, improve the investment climate and create new opportunities for businesses? and (iii) What is needed to enhance competitiveness in the EU and in ADB countries. See concept note available [HERE](#).

Date and Time

Leiden, The Netherlands: 16 November from 10:00-13:30 p.m. Time zone: Central European Time CET (Amsterdam, Berlin, Paris)

Please note time is Central European Time CET. Please make the conversion to your time zone.

Manila, Philippines 16 November from 17:00-20:30 p.m.

Who should attend?

This workshop is addressed to academics, including junior and senior researchers, government officials, policy makers (EU, regional and international organizations), among others.

Registration is free. Link to registration [here](#)

Venue

Online via ZOOM. When registered, you will receive the zoom link.

This workshop is organized in the framework of the Strategic Partnership between Leiden University and ADB. More information on this partnership available [here](#).

Moderator

Irma Mosquera Valderrama, is Full Professor Tax Governance at Leiden Law School (Leiden University), the Netherlands. i.j.mosquera.valderrama@law.leidenuniv.nl

Programme

16 November

10:00-10:05 a.m. CET Welcome and Introduction by [Sandeep Bhattacharya](#) ADB and [Irma Mosquer Valderrama](#) Leiden Law School, Leiden University

17:00-17:05 p.m. Manila time

10:05-10:45 a.m.

17:05-17:45 p.m. Manila time

Member European Parliament (MEP) [Danuše Nerudová](#) EU Tax Competitiveness in Asia. An MEP Experience.

Executive Director Asian Development Bank Satya Srinivas (and Former Chief Negotiator EU-India Free Trade Agreement.

Negotiations of Free Trade Agreements: A practical experience from ADB Member Countries

10:45-11:15 a.m. Climate Action Trade Agreements

17:45-18:15 p.m. Manila time

[Suranjali Tandon](#) Asia perspective -National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, India

[Anna Marhold](#) **European perspective** - Leiden Law School

Q&A

11:15-11:45 a.m. Investment and Trade Governance

18:15-18:45 p.m. Manila time

[Julien Chaisse](#), **Investment Governance in Trade Agreements** –
City University of Hong Kong

Hanna Bucher, The importance of Trade Facilitation to attract investment. Senior Public Sector Specialist (Trade and Industry) ADB

Anita Prakash Digital Economy and Promotion of Investment
Founder Research Lab Asia

Kehinde Folake Olaoye, Trade, Investment and Sustainability: Insights from Recent African Regional Economic Agreements College of Law- Hamad Bin Khalifa University

Q&A

11:45-12:00 a.m. Coffee Break

18:45-19:00 p.m. Manila time

12:00-13:20

19:00-20:20 p.m. Manila time

Agreements to foster sustainable growth, improve the investment climate and create new opportunities for businesses.

Cooperation and International Partnerships

Ovidiu Mic Head of Unit, (Unit C2 – South and South-East Asia) DG for International Partnerships, European Commission

Trade

Mattea Cordier Making FTAs Work for Sustainable Development– Advisor, Sector Project Trade and Investment for Sustainable Development, GIZ

[Georgios Dimitropoulos](#) **Digital Trade.** Hamad Bin Khalifa University
-Lead Principal Investigator of the Industrial Policy for Digital Development (IPDD) Project and Chairholder of the World Trade Organization Chairs Programme

Investment

Vincent Beyer- International Investment Agreements for Sustainable Growth: From Protection to Facilitation, Cooperation and Development Legal Affairs Officer, International Investment Agreements Section, UNCTAD

Jason Rudall – International Investment Agreements and ISDS
Leiden Law School

Tax

Richard Stern Competitiveness and Sustainability EU Director
Global Tax Policy Center WU Vienna

Goeconomic (competition and interests)

Sam van der Vlugt Goeconomic competition and the role of tax in derisking from global volatility Erasmus University -Leiden Law School.

San Bilal How can the EU leverage MDBs to advance its goeconomic interests? Executive Director European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)

Q&A

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13:20-13:30 p.m.

Reflections on EU Competitiveness

20:20-20:30 p.m. Manila time

Suranjali Tandon National Institute of Public Finance and Policy
and Irma Mosquera Leiden University