



UK Trade Policy Forum Programme 2026

09:10 - 10:05	<p><i>Telford Theatre</i></p> <p>Welcome</p> <p>Emily Lydgate (Deputy Director, CITP) and Michael Gasiorek (Director, CITP)</p> <p>Keynote: When trade policy matters for markets - and why it mostly doesn't</p> <p>Dimitris Valatsas (Founding Partner, Aurora Micro Strategies)</p> <p>Chair: Emily Lydgate (Deputy Director, CITP)</p>	
10.10 - 11.20	<p>Do trade deficits matter?</p> <p><i>Telford Theatre</i></p> <p>Chair: Mairi Spowage (Fraser of Allander Institute, CITP)</p> <p>Alasdair Smith (University of Sussex, CITP)</p> <p>Soumaya Keynes (Financial Times)</p> <p>Neil Shearing (Capital Economics)</p>	<p>How to navigate trade policy uncertainty</p> <p><i>Council Room</i></p> <p>Chair: William Bain (British Chamber of Commerce)</p> <p>Nivedita Sen (World Economic Forum)</p> <p>Sam Lowe (Flint Global)</p> <p>Alejandro Graziano (University of Nottingham, CITP)</p>
11.20 - 11.45	<p>Coffee Break</p> <p><i>Great Hall</i></p>	
11.50 - 13.00	<p>Weaponising interdependence: trade and foreign policy</p> <p><i>Telford Theatre</i></p> <p>Chair: Iana Dreyer (Borderlex)</p> <p>Kathleen Claussen (Georgetown University)</p> <p>Mona Paulsen (The London School of Economics and Political Science)</p> <p>Sir Crawford Falconer KCMG (Bradshaw Advisory)</p>	
13.00 - 13.50	<p>Lunch</p> <p><i>Great Hall</i></p>	
13.50 - 15.00	<p>Are we moving toward de-dollarisation - and if so, what will this mean for trade?</p> <p><i>Telford Theatre</i></p> <p>Chair: Jun Du (Aston University)</p> <p>Francisco Quintana (University of Edinburgh)</p> <p>Sambit Bhattacharya (University of Sussex)</p> <p>Alejandro Fiorito (The Conference Board)</p>	<p>How to speak to the public about trade</p> <p><i>Council Room</i></p> <p>Chair: Ben Chu (BBC)</p> <p>Ilze Jozepa (House of Commons Library)</p> <p>Fiona Gooch (Transform Trade)</p> <p>Sophia Ostler (Fair Trade Foundation)</p>
15.00 - 15.20	<p>Coffee Break</p> <p><i>Great Hall</i></p>	
15.25 - 16.35	<p>Impact of US tariffs</p> <p><i>Telford Theatre</i></p> <p>Chair: Heather Stewart (The Guardian)</p> <p>Jennifer Hillman (Georgetown University)</p> <p>Dennis Quinn (Georgetown University)</p> <p>Tim Figures (Boston Consulting Group)</p>	<p>What do the public think about trade?</p> <p><i>Council Room</i></p> <p>Chair: Alan Winters (University of Sussex, CITP)</p> <p>Javier Gutierrez (WTO)</p> <p>George Holt (Trade Justice Movement)</p> <p>Amar Breckenridge (Frontier Economics)</p>
16.40 - 17.15	<p><i>Great Hall</i></p> <p>Keynote: Trade wars and market power in a fragmenting world</p> <p>Meredith Crowley (Professor of International Economics, University of Cambridge and CITP)</p> <p>Chair: Michael Gasiorek (Director, CITP)</p>	
17.15 - 17.20	<p>Conference Close</p>	