

## MPA 843 Trade Policy and Institutions (Winter 2017)

This course offers an introduction to the public policy issues associated with international trade, with particular reference to the role of the World Trade Organization (WTO) as a key institution in global governance. Consideration will also be given to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and to the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

Commercial exchanges across borders affect most domains of daily life and public policy in the era of globalization. Trade affects our lives at home, and our relations with people far away. Part of the interdisciplinary MPA program, which aims to prepare students to provide policy advice in diverse policy domains, this course supplements what students learn in both the economics and governance core courses. The course does not require prior background in economics or international relations. While obviously relevant to Global Affairs Canada, the issues covered touch on the work of many departments in Ottawa and all the provinces, from health standards through climate change to international development.

The course objective is to provide an introduction to trade policy and institutions through a detailed examination of one issue on the trade agenda, whether in a multilateral or regional context. Through close study of the issue s/he chooses, students will become familiar with the analytic concepts and empirical resources necessary for an understanding of trade and public policy. Required readings will draw heavily on *Understanding the WTO* available at [https://www.wto.org/english/thewto\\_e/whatis\\_e/tif\\_e/tif\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/tif_e.htm) and on *Redesigning Canadian Trade Policy for New Global Realities*, available at <http://irpp.org/research/trade/>