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# The EU Trade Policy and the Agrifood Markets

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**Introductory Remarks and Discussant:  
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The seminar "The EU trade policy and the agrifood markets" provides an opportunity to learn more about how European trade policy works. The seminar will introduce the European Union's new challenges in international trade. Climate change, energy prices and sustainable development are the main issues fueling the current debate. The recent trade crisis (COVID and the Ukrainian invasion) and the challenges for decarbonization open new scenarios regarding research and diversification of foreign sources of raw materials. Given the importance of agrifood for Italy, part of the presentation will focus on the dynamics of the global food trade. Agrifood, in fact, is an important and specific component within trade agreement negotiations. Finally, during the meeting, some slides will be devoted to discussing European Institutions as a possible career stage.

**Alessandro Antimiani** is an economist by the DG TRADE (European Commission), working on economic impact assessment and trade policy analysis. Before working for the European Commission, he was a researcher at the Council for Research in Agriculture and Agricultural Economics (CREA), having as his main activities the analysis of international agribusiness trade and the Common Agricultural Policy. From 2007 to 2015, he was editor-in-chief of the journal "The Foreign Trade of Italian Agri-Food Products," published by CREA.

During the last 20, he specialized in international trade, macroeconomic impact assessment, WTO and CGE analysis. During his career, he has collaborated as a senior expert for several intergovernmental organizations and European institutions, like the IPTS - European Commission's Joint Research Centre in Seville, the OECD - Directorate for Trade and Agriculture (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) in Paris, the UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) and the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations).

