



# Auckland Trade and Economic Policy School

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In the past year there have been multiple calls from international organisations and political leaders for a resetting of trade arrangements and increased cooperation. Geopolitical tensions globally and regionally present challenges for these aspirations as do the realities of ongoing border closures and the variable effects of other domestic policy settings.

Nevertheless, the advent and persistence of COVID19 has created a space for new conversations and action around international trade rules, the connections between trade and health, digital trade regulations and, perhaps most significantly, the ongoing importance of advancing a greener trading system. How realistic is this idea of a reset, what might new trade arrangements look like? Will old trade wars continue to loom large for the Asia Pacific region, and what needs to be part of a sustainable trade agenda for the future that is inclusive of the Pacific, Indigenous peoples and diverse business interests?

The 2021 Auckland Trade and Economic Policy School (ATEPS) features a range of local and international experts who will address these questions over two half-days.

## Featuring:

- Hon Damien O'Connor (Minister for Trade and Export Growth)
- Hon Phil Twyford (Minister of State for Trade and Export Growth)
- Rino Tirikatene (Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Trade and Export Growth)
- Her Excellency Laura Clarke, OBE (British High Commissioner)
- Caroline Lambert (Head of Trade and Economic Section, Delegation of the EU to New Zealand)
- Vangelis Vitalis (Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade)

## International experts on geopolitics, governance, climate change and trade:

- Professor Sara Davies (Griffith University)
- Associate Professor Shiro Armstrong (Australian National University)
- Professor Peter Drysdale (Australian National University)
- Professor Michael Plummer (Johns Hopkins University)
- Professor Mark Howden (Australian National University)

## Business and Policy Insights:

- Alex Larson (Air New Zealand)
- Carrie Stoddart Smith (Opinionative)
- Graeme Muller (NZTech)
- Harriet Shelton (Min of Transport, Head of Supply Chains)
- Stephanie Honey (Honey Consulting)
- Yvonne Lucas (NZPECC)

Plus academic experts from across Aotearoa.

**Cost: 1 day - \$100, 2 days \$200**

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