





**Re-Globe Seminar Series** 

## Women Empowerment in International Economic Law: The EU Approach

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Abstract: In the current crisis multilateralism is facing, the most powerful weapons the EU has at disposal is its great regulatory power, which balances a free-market economy and the guarantee of individual freedoms and democracy with welfare, social rights and environmental protection. As an important global actor in the geopolitical scenario, the EU has a crucial role to play in promoting the 5th goal of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Agenda - "to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls". The seminar will analyse how the EU has advanced women's rights and women's economic empowerment multilaterally in the WTO and bilaterally through its last generation of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and International Investment Agreements (IIAs), as well as through the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) for vulnerable developing countries.

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