

The Collapse of Global Trade, Murky Protectionism, and the Crisis: Recommendations for the G20

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- Featuring: **Richard Baldwin**
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- Location: **Vidalia Restaurant**
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Faced with the prospect of global recession, world leaders have scrambled to piece together meaningful packages to rescue world financial markets and restore stability to the global financial system. But as the aftershocks of the financial crisis begin to be felt in the real economy, international trade has started to become one of the major casualties of the crisis. According to a World Bank report, 17 out of the 20 G20 members have taken protectionist measures since the G20 summit in November. While leaders at the London Summit just a few days ago pledged to promote global trade and investment and reject an increase of barriers to trade in goods and services, protectionist forces have emerged and will strengthen as the recession gets worse.

In order to promote a strong debate on the best ways to address the global threat of protectionism, Richard Baldwin from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva will present some of the main arguments of an e-book he recently published together with Simon Evenett from the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland on *The Collapse of Global Trade, Murky Protectionism, and the Crisis: Recommendations for the G20*.

The discussion will take place on **Thursday, April 16, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.** at **Vidalia**. If you would like to attend, please contact Nicola Lightner at nlightner@gmfus.org or

202 683 2635. We look forward to your participation at what will be a lively and in-depth conversation.

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