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SEMINAR TITLE:

U.S. Farm Policy through a WTO Lens

OVERVIEW: Although the Doha Round WTO negotiations are bogged down it remains relevant to evaluate the implications of existing and potential U.S. commitments on domestic support and how these might constrain farm policy choices. This seminar will discuss the U.S. chapter in the forthcoming book *WTO Disciplines on Agricultural Support: Seeking a Fair Basis for Trade* edited by David Orden, David Blandford and Tim Josling (Cambridge University Press <http://cambridge.org/uk/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9781107005440>). Commitments on domestic support measures continue to be controversial in international trade negotiations and new disciplines will have to be an integral part of any future negotiated WTO agreement. Thus, the direction U.S. policy takes relative to potential Doha commitments is important even before such an agreement is reached.

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TIME: 12:00 to 1:00 pm (room reserved until 1:30 pm for further Q&A)

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