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PRESENT A PUBLIC LECTURE

TODD TUCKER

Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch

"The Politics of Trade Policy in the Obama Era"

The centuries-old debate about "free trade" versus "protectionism" obscures more than it illuminates about commercial agreements in the early 21st Century. The World Trade Organization and the North American Free Trade Agreement contain far-reaching constraints' on nations' domestic, non-trade policy space, and have often-unexamined implications for the quality of deliberative democracy.

Todd Tucker is research director with Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch division, and is author of "The Rise and Fall of Fast Track Trade Authority," to be released this year. He has released numerous reports on the WTO, NAFTA and other trade policies that have been widely cited by outlets like the New York Times and Washington Post.

Tucker will lead us through a discussion of the major themes in his book, which include the institutional evolution in U.S. procedures that facilitated the insertion of non-trade policies into "trade" agreements.

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