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Invitation

Please join us for a lecture on

***Creeping Trade and Phantom Aid:
LDCs in the Global Context and Priorities for Reform of Global Governance***

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Abstract: Did the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) improve their global export share during the first decade of the WTO? Did the global efforts to channel more overseas development assistance (ODA) to the LDCs bear any fruit? Did the LDCs with better export performance receive less ODA and *vice versa*? Is there a trade-off between export performance and aid flows? What type of policy initiatives and improvements in global economic governance could catalyse a better synergy between export performance and ODA flow in order to enhance economic growth and poverty alleviation in the LDCs? These and some other contingent issues will be addressed in the lecture.

Background: The Geneva Lectures on Global Economic Governance profile the work of leading scholars and experts, particularly those from developing countries, on the future of global economic governance and the multilateral trading system, with a special emphasis on the need for sustainable development, the challenge of meeting the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, and the perspective of developing countries.

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