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## The Geneva Lectures on Global Economic Governance

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### Invitation

**H.E. Guillermo Valles Galmés**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Uruguay  
to the World Trade Organization

**‘Governing Trade for an Evolving Global Agenda:  
A Practitioner’s Perspective on Governance Challenges**

**Thursday 19 March 2009, 18h30-20h00**

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Auditorium Jacques-Freymond (AJF), 132 rue de Lausanne, 1202 - Geneva

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### Speaker Biography

#### Guillermo Valles Galmés

Ambassador Valles Galmés is a career diplomat with over 30 years of experience. He has served in several bilateral and multilateral diplomatic missions in Latin American, European, Asian and U.N. posts, and has held several relevant political positions including that of Deputy Foreign Minister of Uruguay

Ambassador Valles Galmés has participated in numerous bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations including those leading to the establishment of MERCOSUR, the conclusion of the Uruguay Round and the launching of the Mercosur-EU trade talks. In 2004, he was appointed Uruguayan Ambassador to the United Nations, the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other international organizations in Geneva. Since 2007, he continues to head the Uruguayan diplomatic mission to the WTO and its sister organization the International Trade Center. In that capacity, he represents his country's interests in WTO and in the Doha Round. In addition to his diplomatic responsibilities as Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the WTO, Ambassador Valles has also been Chair of the WTO's Rules Negotiating Group for the Doha Round for three years (i.e., the negotiating group that seeks to clarify and improve WTO rules related to antidumping, subsidies, fisheries subsidies and regional trade agreements). Since 2004, he has also been the Chair of the Working Group for the accession of Algeria to the WTO.

Ambassador Valles graduated from the School of Law of the Universidad de la República in Uruguay with the title of Doctor in Diplomacy.