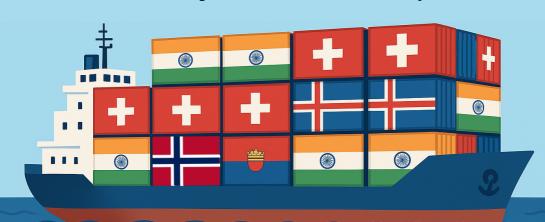


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The talk will focus on the implications of the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) between EFTA states and India for mutual market access in different industries, intellectual property rights (IPR), and some aspects such as environmental and labour market issues.

The focus will particularly be on the Indian perspective to the agreement. In her talk, Prof. Bhasin will also draw on her research on understanding the economic effects of free trade agreements and present her preliminary conclusions regarding the potential effects of TEPA. Opportunities and challenges will be jointly discussed towards the end of the event.

Niti Bhasin is a Visiting Professor of the University of Basel during the whole month of April 2025, supported by the SNF Scientific Exchange program. She is working on the research project "Estimating Potential Gains of the EFTA-India Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) between Switzerland and India with a Focus on Trade in Services". She will collaborate with Prof. Rolf Weder and his team at the Center of International Economics and Business (CIEB) that is interested in research on innovation and international trade in digital activities and the exchange of digital expertise.



Prof. Niti Bhasin / Speaker

Prof. Bhasin's expertise is in the areas of international business, free trade agreements and foreign direct investment with a special emphasis on multinational enterprises from emerging markets. She has also studied the role of environmental factors in firms' internationalization. Most recently, she has completed a consultancy and research assignment on the gains from a Free Trade Agreement between India and the EU for the Indian government. She has published a number of papers in scientific journals and written several books. She has also been conferred the 'Excellence Award for Teachers in Service' in 2023 by the Honourable Vice-Chancellor of the University of Delhi, India.