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The fourth H.W. Arndt Memorial Lecture

# THE TRADING SYSTEM IN CRISIS: The Threat from Proliferating Preferences

Professor Jagdish Bhagwati  
Columbia University

Monday 31 July, 5.30 for 6pm

Visions Theatre, National Museum of Australia, Acton Peninsula

This lecture is free and open to the public. Books will be available for sale. Light refreshments will be served before the lecture.

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Preferential trading arrangements are becoming increasingly popular among the nations of the world. But are they a positive development?

In this lecture, Professor Jagdish Bhagwati will argue that bilateral, sub-regional and regional free trade agreements, and the granting of one-way preferences to developing countries of choice, are creating a massive erosion of the non-discrimination that the architects of GATT endorsed as a central principle of the world-trading regime. Professor Bhagwati will document this erosion and address ways in which we must respond to it.

Jagdish Bhagwati is University Professor at Columbia University and Senior Fellow in International Economics at the Council on Foreign Relations. A native of India, he is a graduate of Cambridge, MIT, and Oxford, and has held positions at the Indian Statistical Institute, the Delhi School, MIT, and Columbia. He has published more than 300 articles and 50 volumes, and also writes frequently for *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Financial Times*.

Professor Bhagwati has been described as the most creative international trade theorist of his generation, and he is a leader in the fight for freer trade. His most recent book, *In Defense of Globalization* (Oxford 2004), has attracted worldwide acclaim. Signed copies will be available at the lecture.

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