

## WIDER Public Lecture

# Trade, Regionalism and Development

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The lecture will briefly review historical data on the evolution of trade blocs over the past forty years and the debate on "regionalism" in the trade theory literature. I will cover issues of "dependency theory", "globalization", and the role of regional trade agreements. I will consider potential costs and benefits, in theory and practice, to developing countries of "shallow" and "deep" integration in trade relations.



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