

BOOK REVIEW**Negotiating the Future of Agricultural Policy:
Agricultural Trade and the Millennium WTO Round.**

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Bilal and Pezaros' book "Negotiating the Future of Agricultural Policies: Agricultural Trade and the Millennium WTO Round" contains the papers presented at the conference "Agricultural Trade and the Next WTO Round, 3-5 Nov. 1999, Maastricht. The papers were edited and enriched according to the needs of this publication. The main objective of the book is to answer to questions such as: "In the face of globalisation and an ever-integrated world economy, what is the future of Agriculture? Should agriculture continue to produce under special treatment or should it be fully liberalised?" The book is ambitious, as it covers theoretical and practical aspects of the raised issues. The book looks into broad aspects of problems related to agricultural market and world integration. The book can be easily followed either by readers with previous knowledge on the issue or by students or readers unfamiliar with the relative discussions. However, references on the presented topics can be found for further and current information.

After the introductory chapter where the reader is acquainted with the main issues of the agriculture, sixteen chapters present extensively each topic. The book is organised in four parts. Part I presents the historical and political background of previous negotiations and policy development in agricultural trade. Part II includes two chapters dealing with the EU and the impact of WTO negotiations. The chapters of Part III address various aspects that will be subject to discussion under the WTO Agricultural Negotiations. Finally the last part of the book includes chapters focusing on the position of the major actors during the WTO round of negotiations.

All in all, I really enjoyed reading the book and the diversity of the current issues that were covered. I recommend practitioners, policy makers, professors and students to read this book.

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