



# GPA SYMPOSIUM

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## Speakers' Bios



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## Robert Anderson

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**Robert Anderson** is Counsellor, Intellectual Property Division, and Team Leader for Government Procurement and Competition Policy in the WTO Secretariat. In addition to his Committee work and advisory responsibilities in Geneva, he has led WTO workshops/seminars or given presentations on international government procurement and/or competition policy in more than 50 countries around the world. He has made presentations/represented the WTO in proceedings of the OECD; the World Bank; the International Competition Network and other intergovernmental fora. Currently, he also serves on the World Bank's International Advisory Group on Procurement (IAGP).

Prior to joining the WTO in 1997, Mr Anderson held various positions in the Canadian Competition Bureau (Canada's national antitrust agency) and, earlier in his career, in: (i) the Economic Council of Canada; and (ii) the Department of Finance of the Canadian Province of Saskatchewan.

In addition to his responsibilities in the WTO, Mr Anderson is Honorary Professor in the School of Law at the University of Nottingham (UK). He is on the part-time faculties of the World Trade Institute in Bern, Switzerland; and the International Economic Law and Policy (IELPO) Program at the University of Barcelona. He holds a J.D. (Juris Doctor) from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (Toronto) and a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Economics from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. He has separately completed post-graduate courses in economics, political science and international affairs at Carleton University (Ottawa). He is co-editor of two books and author/co-author of more than 50 articles/book chapters/monographs or working papers on topics in international government procurement policy, competition policy, intellectual property and/or international trade policy.

## Sue Arrowsmith

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**Sue Arrowsmith** is Achilles Professor of Public Procurement Law and Policy at the University of Nottingham, where she is also Director of the Public Procurement Research Group and of the postgraduate Executive programme in Public Procurement Law and Policy (LLM/Diploma/Certificate).

Authored books include *The Law of Public and Utilities Procurement* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 2014); (with Linarelli and Wallace) *Regulating Public Procurement; National and International perspectives* (2000); and *Government Procurement in the WTO* (Kluwer, 2003). Recent edited collections include (with Anderson), *The WTO Regime on Government Procurement: Challenge and Reform* (CUP, 2011); (with Treumer) *Competitive Dialogue in EU Procurement Law* (2012, CUP); and (with Quinot), *Public Procurement Regulation in Africa* (CUP, 2013).

In 1992 she launched the international journal, *Public Procurement Law Review*, and has edited the Review for more than 20 years.

In 2007 she was awarded the CIPS Swinbank Medal for thought innovation in purchasing and supply.

She is a member of the UNCITRAL Procurement Experts Group and the World Bank International Advisory Group on Procurement, and was a member for over 20 years of the European Commission's independent Advisory Committee on procurement.

She is also Director of the conferences *Public Procurement: Global Revolution*, the next (seventh) of which will be held in Nottingham in June 2017.

## Diomedes Berroa

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**Mr. Diomedes Berroa** is a Panamanian lawyer and joined the World Bank Group in 2000 in the Department of Institutional Integrity as an Operations Officer. He has since held various positions including the World Bank Procurement Coordinator in the Latin America, Europe and Central Asian regions. Currently Mr. Berroa is a Lead Procurement Specialist at Operations Policy and Country Services Vice Presidency (OPCS), being responsible for drafting the new procurement Framework.

## Lucian Cernat

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**Dr. Lucian Cernat** is the Chief Trade Economist of the European Commission. With almost 20 years of experience in the trade policy field, he is in charge of economic advice on EU trade policy, influencing over 4.5 trillion euros of EU trade flows annually. He is a frequent speaker at high-level events alongside award-winning economists and his publications were quoted in leading international journals (Financial Times, Wall Street Journal) and other media. He is also a regular [VoxEU](#) columnist, writing on various trade-related topics. His latest paper on "[Trade Policy Analysis 2.0](#)" was among the top 10 most read economic papers at the end of 2014.

Until 2008, Dr Cernat held various positions at the United Nations in Geneva dealing with trade and development issues. He has written extensively on the development impact of trade policies, WTO negotiations, EU preferential market access, regional trade agreements, competition policy, and corporate governance. Prior to his UN experience, he was a trade negotiator with the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Lucian Cernat obtained his PhD from University of Manchester and a postgraduate diploma from Oxford University.



## Jianning Chen

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**Jianning Chen** is a Legal Affairs Officer in the government procurement team of the WTO's Intellectual Property Division. He works mainly on GPA accessions and serves as the focal point of the GPA team for the Asia-Pacific region on matters related to government procurement. Prior to joining the WTO Secretariat, he worked in the trade negotiation team of the Ministry of Commerce of China and the Permanent Mission of China to the WTO on various multilateral/bilateral trade issues.

## Kamala Dawar

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**Kamala Dawar** is a lecturer in international commercial law in the Sussex University Law School. She conducts research, policy analysis and training in WTO and EU law, public procurement, competition, and consumer issues.

She has worked for academic, inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations, including the WTO, World Bank, the European Commission and development agencies, such as GIZ, UNCTAD and the OSCE.

She has published articles on issues including WTO law and governance, public procurement, competition and consumer policy, preferential trading arrangements and development law and policy issues.



## Jean Heilman Grier

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**Jean Heilman Grier** has more than 25 years of experience in international trade as a U.S. trade negotiator, lawyer and adviser. She served as the Senior Procurement Negotiator for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative for 10 years. In that role, she represented the United States in the WTO Committee on Government Procurement and in the negotiations of the revision of the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) and accessions to the Agreement. She also negotiated a number of government procurement chapters in free trade agreements.

Prior to joining USTR, Ms. Grier served as Senior Counsel for Trade Agreements in the Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Before entering the U.S. government, she was an Assistant Attorney General with the State of Minnesota.

Ms. Grier received law degrees from the University of Minnesota and the University of Washington and an undergraduate degree from South Dakota State University. She is admitted to the bars in Minnesota and the District of Columbia. As a Fulbright Scholar at Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan, she conducted research on Japanese administrative law.

Ms. Grier has published extensively in law journals and other publications. She maintains a blog on international trade issues at: <http://trade.djaghe.com>. Currently, she is the principal trade consultant with [Djaghe, LLC](#)., where she advises and provides technical assistance to governments and other entities on international procurement and other trade issues.



## Daniel Gordon

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**Dan Gordon** is the Senior Advisor to the Government Procurement Law Program at George Washington University Law School. Before joining GW Law School in January 2012, he was the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, a position to which he was nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the Senate. Before that, he worked for 17 years in the Office of General Counsel of the Government Accountability Office (GAO), where he began as a line attorney, rising through the ranks and ultimately holding the positions of Deputy General Counsel and then Acting General Counsel. Among his other work at GAO, he headed the bid protest unit for a number of years, and served as counsel to the congressionally-chartered Commercial Activities Panel, which looked into questions regarding the use of contractors and federal employees to provide commercial-

type services. Before joining GAO, he served as a court law clerk at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and then practiced for a number of years with a private law firm in Washington, DC. Mr. Gordon has frequently testified on acquisition issues before Congress, and he has published law review articles and book chapters on various aspects of procurement law and policy. During his tenure at GAO, he served for many years as a member of the Law School's adjunct faculty.

Mr. Gordon has worked with many U.S., foreign, and international entities in efforts to improve acquisition policies, practices, and training, including federal agencies, the World Trade Organization, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, and the World Bank.



## Jan Jackholt

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**Jan Jackholt** is Director of the procurement function at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Jan is a Swedish National and has been with the Bank for 16 years. Jan holds a Master in Business Administration from Uppsala University and has been living in several countries working with international procurement before joining the Bank.

## Anna Müller

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**Anna Caroline Müller** is a Legal Affairs Officer in the government procurement team of the WTO's Intellectual Property Division. She is a fully qualified lawyer admitted to the bar in Germany (Rechtsanwältin) and to the roll of solicitors in England and Wales. Prior to joining the WTO in June 2011, she practised law in the Commercial Litigation & Arbitration section of Clifford Chance's Frankfurt office (2010-2011). She holds a Law Degree (Baden-Württemberg, Germany, 2004) and an LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law

(Universität Düsseldorf, 2005) as well as a D.E.A. (Diplome d'Etudes Approfondies) in international relations from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva (2007). Her research is focused on international economic law with recent publications in the field of government procurement. She speaks German, English, French and Spanish.



## Caroline Nicholas

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**Caroline Nicholas** is a Senior Legal Officer with the International Trade Law Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (the UNCITRAL Secretariat). She has served as Secretary to its Working Group on Procurement and Infrastructure Development, which drafted the UNCITRAL Model Law on Public Procurement (issued in 2011), an accompanying Guide to Enactment (2012), and other UNCITRAL documents in the field. As Secretary to this and other UNCITRAL Working Groups, she provides legal and policy advice and works in partnership with other international bodies engaged in public procurement policy activities. She advises on public procurement reform and its role in supporting international trade and development and the rule of law, and provides regular technical assistance to national governments in all regions.

She also serves as a Chairman of a UN Performance Appraisal Rebuttal Panel, and undertakes voluntary policy advice and conflict resolution roles within the UN Secretariat.

She previously advised on international war damage claims at the UN Compensation Commission, was a UN internal investigator, and has practised law in the City of London and Hong Kong.

Caroline is a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales and of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Vienna International School. She is a member of the Editorial Board of the Public Procurement Law Review and regular contributor to it and other journals. She is married with three children, and speaks four languages fluently.

## Nicholas Niggli

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**Nicholas C. Niggli** currently heads the Economic, Finance, Science and Innovation Section at the Embassy of Switzerland in the UK and serves as Chairman of the Association of Economic Representatives in London (AERL – [aerlondon.org.uk](http://aerlondon.org.uk)), the capital's premier diplomatic networking organization for economic and commercial attachés. In parallel, Nicholas lectures on policy making, global governance, leadership and negotiation dynamics at the Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies in Geneva. Before his arrival in London, Nicholas was part of Switzerland's Trade Diplomacy team at the World Trade Organization. Nicholas was Coordinator and Vice-Chairman of the Task Force for the organisation of the 2009 and 2011 WTO Ministerial Conferences. In 2011, he was also a Member of the team of Swiss diplomats successfully mediating between Georgia and Russia, permitting the latter to

join the WTO. From 2007 to 2012, he was Chairman of the WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA), leading and successfully concluding negotiations at ministerial level to improve internationally agreed disciplines for this key world economy sector in 2011. The resulting agreement is much more development-friendly and created an expansion of the market access coverage of the GPA by \$US 80-100 billion / year. In the same capacity, Nicholas concluded a diplomatic mediation between China and Chinese Taipei permitting the latter to accede to the GPA. Nicholas holds 1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours Masters Degrees in Economic History & International Relations and has studied at the Universities of Geneva and Aberdeen as well as the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.



## Kodjo Osei-Lah

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**Kwadwo (Kodjo) Osei-Lah** is a procurement specialist and, since 2002, Counsellor at the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization in Geneva. In this role, he is part of the team that supports the work of the WTO on government procurement, including, notably on the Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA). This role includes support for the administration and implementation of the Agreement, encompassing negotiations, accessions to the Agreement, technical cooperation, policy analysis and outreach, and related matters.

Prior to joining the WTO Secretariat, Kodjo held the position of Project Director for eight years at a UK-based international development consultancy firm, where he managed a number of client- and donor-funded procurement consultancy assignments. Kodjo was also previously for several years a London-based representative and procurement manager for a Ghanaian mining group. Kodjo has relevant academic and professional qualifications (BSc, MCIPS, MBA (Strategy and Procurement Management, from Birmingham University) and LLM (Public Procurement Law and Policy, from Nottingham University)). He has co-authored a small selection of publications on public procurement.

## Philippe Pelletier

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**Mr. Philippe Pelletier** is a licensed attorney in Quebec, Canada, and since 2009 he works as a Legal Affairs Officer in the Intellectual Property Division of the World Trade Organization's Secretariat (WTO). He works with the Secretariat team supporting the work of the WTO Committee on Government Procurement and the negotiations under the Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA). In addition to providing technical and administrative support to the Committee, he played an important role in providing analytical and professional support in the GPA negotiations that were successfully concluded in March 2012 and that led to the entry into force of the revised Agreement. Moreover, in this role, he has undertaken several technical co-operation missions on the subject

of government procurement. Mr. Pelletier is, in particular, an expert on the coverage/market access-related aspects of the GPA. He holds a law degree and an LLM with a specialization in international trade law, government procurement and intellectual property law. He has studied international law at the University of Gothenburg, School of Business, Economics & Law, in Sweden; Austral Universidad, Facultad de derecho, in Argentina; and at the Université Toulouse 1 Capitole, in France. Mr. Pelletier also has extensive experience researching and writing in the area of government procurement.



## Valérie Robert

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**Valérie Robert**, is currently Principal Procurement Specialist, in the Procurement and Fiduciary Services Department of the African Development Bank.

She joined the AfDB in December 2013 in Procurement operations support and she joined the Department Policy team in January 2015 where she covers legal aspects of procurement. She initiated her career working in international cooperation in Paris for five years and joined the Inter-American Development Bank in 2001 as Procurement Specialist in the Modernization of the State Division in Washington DC and further worked as Team Leader for CARICOM, supporting the CARICOM Common Single Market Economy in Procurement. She has an extended short-term consultancy experience with the

WB in procurement, public sector management and long-term field experience implementing Donor-funded procurement reform, one year in Tirana, Albania (EU funded) and 30 months in Kabul, Afghanistan (WB funded). In 2009 she joined the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) as Procurement Expert in charge of procurement related projects and was promoted to Lead Legal Expert managing Institutional and Good Governance Programs, heading the procurement, land law, Justice and public sector reform.

Valérie speaks French, English and Spanish fluently with good command of Italian. Her contact is [v.robert@afdb.org](mailto:v.robert@afdb.org).



## Marc Steiner

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**Marc Steiner** holds a Master of Law from the University of Basel and is admitted to the bar. He has delivered an expertise on Green Public Procurement in Switzerland (2006) and issued a working paper on how to integrate social aspects in public procurement processes (2009, 3<sup>rd</sup> version 2015). Marc Steiner has been appointed as a judge to the Swiss Federal Administrative Court in 2007 (2<sup>nd</sup> Division, primarily in charge of economic matters including public procurement and competition). His comparative approach has been stimulated especially during two internships at the ECJ (1996 and 2008). He is one of four co-authors of the standard reference work on the practice of public procurement in Switzerland ("Praxis des öffentlichen Beschaffungsrechts", 3<sup>rd</sup> edition 2013). Furthermore,

Marc Steiner was invited to act as an expert during the public hearing of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee of the European Parliament on "[Modernisation of Public Procurement](#)" (May 2011). He also contributed to the revised UNEP-Guidelines on the Implementation of Sustainable Public Procurement (2012). Marc Steiner is a member of the Advisory Board of Transparency International (Swiss Chapter) focusing on integrity in the government procurement process and at the same time a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of swisscleantech, the Swiss association for stakeholders in the green economy, dealing with sustainable (public) procurement issues.



## Ping Wang

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**Dr Ping Wang**, Deputy Director of the Public Procurement Research Group (PPRG) at the University Of Nottingham, has been advising the Chinese government (Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Commerce) on GPA accession since 2006 and working closely with WTO Secretariat on providing technical assistance and training for Chinese negotiators and procurement officials during the last decade. With a LLB from Peking University, China and LLM, PhD from the University Of Nottingham, UK, his research activities focus on government procurement in the WTO, Chinese procurement law reform and procurement of SOEs.

He has recently produced a report for the EU-China Trade Project to analyse the impacts of China's GPA accession, examining relevant case studies for example from high-speed railway and nuclear power industries, outlining benefits from the domestic perspective and exploring the role of relevant reform policies. Another study comparing EU and Chinese utilities procurement led by Dr Wang was completed in 2013 for the EU-China Trade Project.

## Karen Brutyan

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**Mr. Karen Brutyan, Ph.D.** in Economics.

Adviser of the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Armenia.

Over 15 year's extensive professional experience in public procurement, including 11 years as the Head of the Public Internal Financial Control and Procurement Regulatory Department within the Ministry of Finance of Armenia. He coordinated (i) public procurement, (ii) internal audit, (iii) financial management and control (budget execution methodology) areas in

public sector of the Armenia. Karen also coordinated negotiations on Armenia's accession to the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement. In 2010 Armenia joined the GPA.

Starting from 2011 Karen works as a public procurement and public financial management expert with different international organizations: EBRD, WB, etc



## Antony Taubman

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**Antony Taubman** is currently Director, Intellectual Property Division of the World Trade Organization, with responsibility for the WTO's programs on intellectual property, competition policy and government procurement. From 2002 to 2009, he was Director, Global Intellectual Property Issues Division of WIPO (including the Traditional Knowledge Division and Life Sciences Program), covering a wide range of programs on intellectual property and genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore, the life sciences, and related global issues including the environment, climate change, human rights, food security, bioethics and indigenous issues. After a diplomatic career, he left the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in 2001 to join the newly-formed Australian Centre for Intellectual Property in Agriculture, at the Australian National University, teaching and researching on international IP law.

From 1998 to 2001, he was Director of the International Intellectual Property Section of DFAT, and in that capacity was engaged in multilateral and bilateral negotiations on intellectual property issues, domestic policy development, regional cooperation, and TRIPS dispute settlement. He authored a training handbook on intellectual property and biotechnology, a monograph on the TRIPS Agreement and a comprehensive study on its implementation, and a range of academic and general publications on international intellectual property law and policy. Postgraduate teaching appointments at several universities include curriculum design and teaching at the University of Melbourne, the Australian National University, and Queensland University of Technology, as well as numerous contributions to other educational and training programs in many countries. In 2008, the Rockefeller

## Antony Taubman

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Foundation awarded him a Bellagio residential fellowship for his work on TRIPS and public policy issues.

He joined DFAT in 1988 as a career diplomat, and his service included disarmament policy and participation in the negotiations on the Chemical Weapons Convention, a posting in the Australian Embassy in Tehran as Deputy Head of Mission, and a posting to the Hague as Alternate Representative to the Preparatory Commission for the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and Chair of the Expert Group on Confidentiality.

He previously worked for WIPO from 1995 to 1998, his duties then including development cooperation in Asia and the Pacific, the development of the revised WIPO program and budget, and associated policy development. A registered patent attorney, he worked in private practice in the law of patents, trade marks and designs in Melbourne in the 1980s. His tertiary education has included computer science, mathematics, engineering, classical languages, philosophy, international relations and law, and he has taught ancient Greek philosophy at Melbourne University.

# Janos Bertok & Ronald Saborio

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