

INVITATION

Tutwa Consulting Group, Agbiz, JCCI, North-West University (NWU) and Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) are delighted to invite you to a seminar on:

From Trade Rules to Trade Deals: Whither US Trade Policy in the Trump Administration?¹

President-elect Trump's mercantilist views on trade are [well known](#). His trade-related cabinet appointments confirm that he is set to reorient US trade policy strongly in an inward-looking direction, targeting key trading partners such as China and Mexico, using instruments of trade protection notably import tariffs and countervailing duties. The Reagan Administration targeted Japan in similar fashion in the 1980s, with mixed success. However, China is no Japan, and the US is no longer as pre-eminent as it was in the 1980s. Therefore, in the trade community concerns are growing about the potential implications of trade wars breaking out – both for trade and, more seriously, for global security. What are South Africans, in particular the business community, to make of these developments? And how should we respond?

The seminar will be led by top US, and international, trade policy scholar Professor [Robert Lawrence](#), who is with the Kennedy School at Harvard University. Professor Lawrence was closely involved in the Harvard advisory team enlisted by the Mbeki Administration to chart economic policy options for South Africa. Being South African in origin, Professor Lawrence is well-placed to give insight into where US trade policy may go, its implications for the global trading system and key trading partners, and how South Africa could respond.

The seminar is scheduled as follows:

Time: 12:00 – 14:30
Date: Tuesday, 28 February 2017
Venue: BUSA Offices
Bentley Office Park, Block 9,
67 Wessel Rd
Rivonia

¹ *To facilitate a frank dialogue, this meeting will take place under the Chatham House rule, a morally binding convention which allows all or part of a meeting to be held 'off the record'. In addition, 'information gleaned under the Chatham House Rule may be reported [if so agreed], but the identity or affiliations of speakers must not be disclosed.*



Programme

- Moderator: Prof. Raymond Parsons (North-West University)
- 12:00 – 12:30 Registration and Finger Lunch
- 12:30 – 12:35 Opening and Welcome
Jabu Mabuza (Telkom Chairperson and BUSA President) - tbc
- 12:35 – 12:40 Introduction
Peter Draper (Tutwa Consulting Group)
- 12:40 – 13:10 Presentation
Professor Robert Lawrence (Kennedy School at Harvard University)
- 13:10 – 13:20 Discussant
Laird Treiber (Head of Economic Section, US Embassy)
- 13:20 – 13:55 Moderated discussion
- 13:55 – 14:00 Closing remarks
Prof. Raymond Parsons (North-West University)
- 14:00 Programme ends

