

Free Trade and Climate Change

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- free trade policies that increase emissions
- free trade rules that prevent us real and effective solutions to climate change
- free trade pushes for false - market based - solutions



+ How Free Trade contributes to Climate Change

- Trade liberalization is about increasing access and exploitation of natural resources
- Free trade is pushing ecological limits of the planet

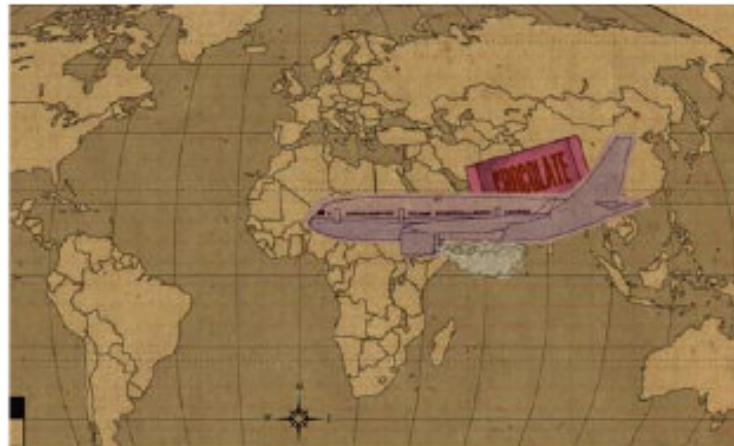


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- one third of global trade is in light products – trade that does not improve the lives of anybody but it does cause real pollution



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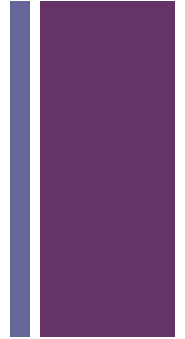
- Free Trade locks in the export oriented industrial model of agriculture, production and manufacturing
- Trade liberalization has had massive negative impacts on environment

+ How Free Trade Prevents Action on Climate Change

- The World Trade Organization (WTO) and Free Trade Agreements have several rules and ways to prevent genuine and just action on climate change



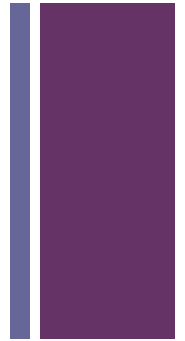
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- Non-Agricultural Market Access (NAMA) – “non-tariff barriers”
- Liberalization of “Environmental Goods and Services”
- Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights
- Agreement on Agriculture
- Dispute Settlement / Investor to State Disputes
- Market based solutions

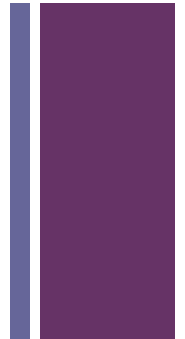
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- Trade rules trump all other policy measures
- These rules reduce government oversight of trade, remove tariffs, eliminate import bans and quotas
- Rules of the WTO and FTAs demand that national regulations and standards don't interfere unduly with international trade
- These rules can also have a "chilling" effect
- Climate talks results can be challenged at the WTO
- Trade Ministers meetings before/during COPs

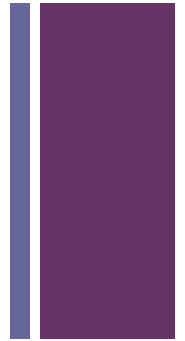


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- UNFCCC Article 3: “Measures taken to combat climate change, including unilateral ones, should not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade.”
- Kyoto Protocol Article 2: “The Parties included in Annex I shall strive to implement policies and measures under this Article in such a way as to minimize adverse effects, including the adverse effects of climate change, effects on international trade, and social, environmental and economic impacts on other Parties, especially developing country Parties and in particular those identified in Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention, taking into account Article 3 of the Convention.



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- The current neoliberal economic system has to be replaced if we are to fight climate change and achieve climate justice

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