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This study is the outcome of collaborative research between the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the International Labour Office (ILO). It addresses an issue that is of concern to both organizations: the relationship between trade and employment.

On the basis of an overview of the existing academic literature, the study provides an impartial view of what can be said, and with what degree of confidence, on the relationship between trade and employment, an often contentious issue of public debate. Its focus is on the connections between trade policies, and labour and social policies and it will be useful for all those who are interested in this debate: academics and policy-makers, workers and employers, trade and labour specialists.

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11.00	Opening Remarks Chair: Patrick Low Director, Economic Research and Statistics Division, WTO
	Presentation of study by authors Marion Jansen Counsellor, Economic Research and Statistics Division, WTO Eddy Lee
	Fellow, International Institute for Labour Studies, ILO Comments: first discussant
	Olivier Cadot Professor, Université de Lausanne Comments: second discussant
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12.00	Floor opened for discussion Chair: Gerry Rodgers Director, International Institute for Labour Studies, ILO