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**What Now After the Great Recession?
Perspectives on Global Trade and the
Relevance of International Cooperation**

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World trade contracted dramatically in the Great Recession, far faster than output. In 2010 trade growth returned flows to their pre-crisis levels. To what degree do sustained trade growth and the benefits that flow from it depend on international trade policy co-operation in the years ahead? Regional trade co-operation has intensified, multilateral trade negotiations have been going for almost a decade. These developments will be assessed, along with other challenges facing the multilateral trading system, such as commodity price trends, the interface between trade and climate change, and trade in natural resources.

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