



# 「瑞士直接民主對FTA政策的影響」

## 線上會議

### The Impact of Direct Democracy on Swiss FTA Policy

#### Webinar

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#### ➤ Background

Switzerland is a highly globalized economy in the heart of Europe. The landlocked country of about 8.6 million inhabitants owes much of its success to its economic openness: Switzerland has a dense network of free trade agreements (FTAs) in place - also in the Asia-Pacific region. However, Switzerland is increasingly struggling to conclude further agreements or to update existing FTAs.

A unique feature of Switzerland is its political system strongly characterized by direct-democratic participation. Four times a year, Swiss voters are asked to the ballot box. They vote on various issues, including provisions relevant to trade. The Swiss government decided recently that any new FTA may be subject to a referendum. In the first such vote, the Economic Partnership Agreement with Indonesia was approved by only a very thin majority in 2021. How does the Swiss system work? What are the benefits and challenges of having the people vote on complex trade agreements? And what does it mean for Swiss FTA policy in the Asia-Pacific region?



## ➤ Conference Information

**Time:** June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 14:00-16:00 (Taipei Time)

**Venue:** Webinar

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## ➤ Agenda

Time	Content
14:00-14:05	主持人致詞：中華經濟研究院台灣東南亞國家協會研究中心徐遵慈 主任 Moderator Remark : Director Kristy Tsun-Tzu Hsu (Taiwan ASEAN Studies Center, Chung Hua Institution for Economic Research, Taiwan)
14:05-14:45	講 者：瑞士智庫「瑞士未來」Basil Ammann 資深研究員 Speaker: Senior Researcher Basil Ammann (Avenir Suisse, Switzerland) 主 題：瑞士直接民主對 FTA 政策的影響 Topic: The Impact of Direct Democracy on Swiss FTA Policy
14:45-15:15	與 談 人：瑞士商務辦事處梁瑞德 處長 Respondent: Director Reto Renggli (Trade Office of Swiss Industries in Taipei) 與 談 人：中央研究院歐美研究所吳建輝 副研究員 Respondent: Associate Research Fellow Chien-Huei Wu (Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica)
15:15-15:40	綜合討論 Panel Discussion
15:40-16:00	問題與討論 Q&A
16:00-	活動結束 Adjourn

## ➤ Biography Profile



Basil Ammann is a senior researcher at Avenir Suisse. He obtained his double M.A. degree in International Economy Policy from Science Po Paris, France, and in International Affairs and Governance from the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland. He obtained his B.A. in International Relations from the University of Geneva, Switzerland. His area of research interests include International Relations, Asia-Pacific, and FTA. He is currently a visiting researcher under the MOFA Taiwan Fellowship at the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research (CIER), where he is conducting research on trade policy developments in the Asia-Pacific region. His recent publications include “Coronakrise führt zu Gründerboom - Wie sich die Schweizer Firmenlandschaft im ersten Jahr der Covid-19-Pandemie entwickelt hat”, “Die «Alterspyramiden» der Schweizer Wirtschaft - Was ein Blick in die Handelsregisterdaten über die Firmendemografie der Schweiz verrät”, “Corporate Life Cycles - The consequences of corporation demographics on economic policy”.