




LSE x FCDO

Exclusive Breakfast Roundtable

Digital Trade with the Indo-Pacific

Invitation

-  Virtual event - MS Teams
-  Wednesday 2 March 2022
-  9am - 10am GMT

Opening remarks by two keynote speakers, followed by an open discussion.

Keynote Speakers



Natalie Black

Her Majesty's Trade
Commissioner for
Asia Pacific



Chris Southworth

Co-Chair, Legal Reform
Advisory Board, ICC
Digital Standards

Moderator



Elitsa Garnizova

Director, Trade Policy
Hub (LSE Consulting)

International digital trade is a significant driver of productivity and business growth in the UK. To keep digital markets open and minimise barriers to digital trade, the UK is already building a network of international agreements alongside partners across the region.

As the global architecture that governs digital trade continues to develop, the FCDO has asked the Asia Trade Centre and LSE Consulting's Trade Policy Hub to develop the evidence base to engage partners in the region in discussions about how the UK can further strengthen its digital trade relationship with countries across the Indo-Pacific. This is an important element of UK's Indo-Pacific tilt and UK's ambition to be the European partner with the broadest and most integrated presence in the region.

This exclusive roundtable aims to validate the team's findings on what the UK's priorities in the Indo-Pacific ought to be. The discussion will focus around three key questions:

- 1) What are the business priorities for the UK in the Indo-Pacific?**
- 2) What are the key challenges in each of the priority markets?**
- 3) What is the view outside of government on potential modes of engagement?**

The ATC/LSE team will share with attendees a brief document, outlining early findings ahead of the event.

Invitation is non-transferable. If you are not able to join and would like to recommend a colleague, please email: e.v.garnizova@lse.ac.uk.

** The event will be held under the Chatham House Rule.*

