



# Environmental Institutions Seminar Series

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# The Future of Trade and Environment

**Tuesday, April 20, 2004**

**12:30 – 2:00 pm**

**Levine Science Research Center, Room A158  
Research Drive, Duke University**

### **Biography**

Frederick W. Mayer is Associate Professor of Public Policy Studies and Political Science and Director of Graduate Studies at the Sanford Institute of Public Policy. He conducts research in international trade; globalization and governance; international negotiations; and political analysis.

Mayer is author of *Interpreting NAFTA: The Science and Art of Political Analysis* (Columbia University Press, 1998). The book offers a history of the effort to create a North American Free Trade Agreement among Canada, Mexico and the United States, and an exploration of the uses and limits of political theories for interpreting those events. Its theoretical approach connects theories of international and domestic politics, and theories of rational choice and social construction, arguing that to act effectively in a complex political environment one needs to see political processes in multiple dimensions.

Mayer received his Ph.D. in Public Policy at Harvard University in 1988.

### **Abstract**

The seminar will examine the history of efforts to link environmental provisions to the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and more recent regional trade agreements over the last fifteen years. The seminar will then explore prospects for future linkages to environmental provisions in the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) and the Doha (Qatar) Round of the World Trade Organization (WTO).



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