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David Goldman to keynote Farm Foundation trade conference

OAK BROOK, IL April 10, 2019: David Goldman, Ph.D., columnist for Asia Times and principal of Asia Times Holdings, will be the luncheon keynote speaker at the Farm Foundation trade conference, *Agricultural Trade in a Time of Uncertainty*. The April 30, 2019, conference will be at the DoubleTree Hotel Crystal City, Arlington, VA.

"We are excited to have Dr. Goldman join us to share his perspectives on the current geopolitical landscape," says Megan Provost, Farm Foundation's Vice President of Policy and Programs.

Goldman is recognized for his series of online essays in the Asia Times, written under the pseudonym Spengler, and the Spengler blog at PJ Media. He is the author of the 2011 book, *How Civilizations Die*. He is a Senior Fellow at the London Center for Policy Research. Previously, he headed research groups at Credit Suisse, Bank of America and Cantor Fitzgerald. From 2013 to 2016, he was a partner at Reorient Group, a Hong Kong investment bank.



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The April 30 trade conference will open at 8:30 a.m. with video remarks from Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Immediately following, Ambassador Alan Wolff, Deputy Director-General of the WTO, will be part of a panel discussing U.S. agriculture and the WTO, including the role of developing countries and its long-term future given the current proliferation of bilateral and regional trade agreements. Joining Wolff on the panel will be Chad Bown of the Peterson Institute of International Economics and Evan Rogerson of Nanyang Technological University. Joe Glauber, Ph.D., a senior fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute, will moderate the discussion.



This conference will also feature key leaders from Congress and the Administration. Discussing the Administration's approach to food and agricultural trade are Ted McKinney, USDA Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, and Gregg Doud, Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

Other topics for the day-long conference include the intricacies of free trade agreements, the impacts of trade wars and retaliatory trade measures on the farm economy, and how sanitary and phytosanitary challenges are impacting global food and agricultural trade. The conference agenda is available on the [conference website](#).

This is the first conference hosted by Farm Foundation's Food and Agricultural Trade Resource Center. The Resource Center was created to bring clarity to trade discussions and enable productive debate and dialogue on trade policy issues.

Trade issues—from tariff escalations and other trade barriers to proposed restructurings of long-standing trade agreements—have disrupted market flows around the world. “An understanding of food and agricultural trade elements and issues is critical,” says Provost. “With our 86-year reputation for providing objective information, Farm Foundation established the Resource Center to provide public and private decision-makers with informational tools and analyses. A solid foundation of basic trade education, as well as more detailed analyses of larger trade issues, will support quality dialogues on agricultural trade.”

Registration is open for the conference and be completed online [using this link](#). The \$75 registration fee is waived for the media and government employees.

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