The formation of the G20 shortly prior to the mid term review of the Doha round of trade negotiations in Cancun was a severe shock to the comfortable duopoly enjoyed by the US and EU in the World Trade Organization. When formed in 2003, the G20 was dismissed as a disruptive and dysfunctional blocking coalition but it has since emerged as an active negotiating partner, tabling and negotiating proposals on behalf of its membership. But four years of hard bargaining have produced no result and the Doha round looks destined to remain in limbo until a “…better generation than ours…” is able to look beyond parochial interests. The G20 will have failed to achieve its primary goal of farm liberalization but I will argue that it has, in the process, achieved a significant victory by transforming the rules of trade negotiations.

- Thursday 9 August 2007
- Room N72_-1.18 (Business 2)
- Nathan campus
- 12.30-1.50pm

A light lunch will be served on arrival. To RSVP, please contact Jill Moriarty on (07) 3735 7624 or j.moriarty@griffith.edu.au no later than 5.00pm Monday 6 August.