

# Pushing a Progressive Trade Agenda



## Not Nationalism Nor Neoliberalism. What Next for Trade?

For years, working people have been told that neoliberal trade deals, filled with strong corporate rights provisions, but few protections for workers, were the only way to achieve growth. NAFTA, CAFTA, CETA, TPP, RCEP, WTO each follow this basic model to one extent or another. But too many working people saw the bulk of the gains go to profits while wages stagnated and public investment shrunk. This model works for some, but not for all. It's correlated with growing inequality in developed and developing countries alike. The push-back against this model has led the United States to withdraw from the TPP, and together with Canada and Mexico, renegotiate NAFTA. A retreat from the world, xenophobia, and nationalism are not the answer. Progressives believe we can find a better answer not by trying to reduce trade, but by writing new rules to govern it. Is now a moment for the progressive vision of trade to take hold? Can trade unions seize the opportunity to reform the global trading regime away from corporate power and towards shared prosperity?

Can we build a worker-centric global regime?

Join the discussion!  
December 4, 9:00-11:00 am  
Bella Conference Center, Room 5