

Brad McDonald

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Profile

International trade and economic policy professional (IMF, WTO, U.S. Treasury) experienced in economic analysis, negotiations, representation, project leadership, and people leadership.

Experience

DEPUTY (TRADE POLICY), EXTERNAL SECTOR DIVISION | IMF | SINCE 2016

- Deputy in office that formulates IMF policy on exchange rates, capital flows, and trade; IMF-wide lead on trade policy. Responsibilities include:
 - Advise and brief IMF Senior Management and Executive Board on global and national trade policy issues; advise country teams on trade policy content in IMF country reports; guide or lead trade policy staff participation in IMF Article IV discussions with country authorities; lead IMF-wide policy papers and presentations; bring trade policy expertise to internal discussions of other issues (e.g., tax; border carbon adjustments); lead trade-related collaboration with other organizations; conduct outreach; conceive and lead preparation of trade-related events and training.
 - IMF lead on a series of high-level joint policy papers:
 - [Subsidies, Trade, and International Cooperation](#) (April 2022; IMF-OECD-WB-WTO), launched by heads of the four institutions at the IMF-WB Spring Meetings.
 - [Reinvigorating Trade and Inclusive Growth](#) (2018; IMF-WB-WTO), launched by heads of the three institutions at the Bali IMF-WB Annual Meetings.
 - [Making Trade an Engine of Growth for All](#) (2017; IMF-WB-WTO), discussed by G-20 sherpas and launched by heads of the three institutions at an event with Chancellor Merkel.

DIRECTOR (USG CAREER SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE), OFFICE OF TRADE & FINANCIAL SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS | U.S. TREASURY | 2013 – 2016

- Represented Treasury on the inter-agency Trade Policy Staff Committee and led Treasury engagement on overall U.S. trade policy. Advised senior Treasury officials on trade policy matters.
- Led office with (i) responsibility for formulating and implementing Treasury positions on trade matters and on macroeconomic (e.g., currency) issues in the trade and investment sphere, and (ii) USG-wide responsibility for banking and other (non-insurance) financial services in U.S. agreements.
- Key activities: Negotiations on the TPP, T-TIP, US-China BIT, and Joint Declaration of Macroeconomic Policy Authorities of TPP Countries; 2015 TPA; 2015 Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act.
- Held TS security clearance.

IMF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WTO AND HEAD, IMF GENEVA OFFICE | IMF | 2007 – 2008

- Represented IMF in the WTO, ILO, and other Geneva-based international organizations; engaged with ambassadors and other country representatives; managed IMF overseas office.

VARIED POSITIONS | IMF | 1997 – 2013

- Negotiated currency, debt, expenditure, tax, and other aspects of IMF-supported economic programs in Africa, Europe, and Central Asia.
- Helped to develop and implement IMF policy on low-income countries and on access to concessional financing facilities.

- Conceived and led cross-departmental papers to shape IMF policy; engaged with IMF Management, Executive Directors, and capital-based officials to refine and develop support for staff proposals.
 - As an example, conceived and led the preparation of [Macroeconomic Issues in Small States and Implications for the Fund](#), a staff paper that reinvigorated IMF thinking on engagement with small state members.

TRADE POLICY ANALYST | WTO SECRETARIAT | 1993 –1996

- Prepared WTO Trade Policy Reviews, based on detailed research and engagement with national trade officials; prepared official economic analysis of the Uruguay Round using CGE analysis.

ECONOMIST | USDA ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE | 1989 –1993

- Prepared economic research and policy notes on agricultural trade issues.

CAPTAIN, FIELD ARTILLERY | U.S. ARMY (RESERVE COMPONENTS) | 1982 – 1993

- Battery Fire Direction Officer and Battalion Assistant Operations Officer in nuclear-capable and conventional cannon artillery units. (Army National Guard: Minnesota, Virginia, Wisconsin)

Education

PH.D., INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS | 1989 | UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

- Dissertation: “An Applied General Equilibrium Model of Global Agricultural Trade,” under Robert E. Baldwin (Chair), J. David Richardson, and Jean-Paul Chavas.

B.S., ECONOMICS | 1982 | BEMIDJI (MINNESOTA) STATE UNIVERSITY

Professional Networks

- [Friends of Multilateralism Group](#) (FMG)

Awards, Clearances, Specialized Training

- U.S. Treasury, Meritorious Service Award; U.S. Treasury, International Affairs “Team of the Year,” 2015; U.S. Army Commendation Medal
- Held U.S. Top Secret security clearance
- Completed 3-day IMF Management Development Center (MDC) with outstanding ratings; Team Leadership skills rated “as among the best that have been seen at the MDC.”

Selected Presentations and Papers

Selected Presentations

- ["Strengthening International Cooperation on Subsidies,"](#) Presentation of a Joint Report by the IMF, OECD, World Bank, and WTO. May 2022.
- "WTO 2.0: The Return (to Prominence) through the JSI," panel discussion, Columbia Law School, Columbia Academy on Law in Global Affairs. December 2021.
- "Implications of RCEP and CPTPP for China," organizer and chair for one-day training webinar for the Chinese National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC). September 2021.
- "WTO Dispute Settlement and Rule-Making: One Crisis or Two?" guest lecture, Columbia Law School Seminar on WTO Reform. September 2020.
- "The IMF's Emergency Response to COVID-19," WTO Development Committee. May 2020.
- "Adjusting to Trade and Technology," APEC Workshop on Tariffs, Puerto Varas, Chile. August 2019.
- "Current Macroeconomic, Trade, and Investment Outlook," presentation by international organizations to the G-20 Trade and Investment Working Group (co-presenter); Mito, Japan. May 2019.

Selected Publications

- IMF, OECD, World Bank, and WTO, 2022. "Subsidies, Trade, and International Cooperation." (IMF lead.)
- McDonald, Brad. "WTO Dispute Settlement and Rule-Making: One Crisis or Two?" *Journal of World Trade* (55). 2021.
- IMF, World Bank, and WTO, 2018. "Reinvigorating Trade and Inclusive Growth." (IMF lead.)
- IMF, World Bank, and WTO, 2017. "Making Trade an Engine of Growth for All: The Case for Trade and for Policies to Facilitate Adjustment." Prepared for discussion at the March 2017 meeting of G20 sherpas. (IMF lead.)
- Henn, Christian, and Brad McDonald, 2014. "Crisis Protectionism: The Observed Trade Impact," *IMF Economic Review*, April.
- IMF, "Macroeconomic Issues in Small States and Implications for Fund Engagement," February 2013. (Project leader)
- IMF and World Bank, 2012. [Global Monitoring Report 2012: Food Prices, Nutrition, and the Millennium Development Goals](#) (Washington: International Monetary Fund and World Bank). (IMF lead)
- Jahan, Sarwat, and Brad McDonald, 2012. "Bystanders at the Collapse: How Emerging Market and Low-Income Countries Have Recovered from the Global Recession," *Finance and Development* 49(2), June.
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- Francois, J., B. McDonald and H. Nordstrom, 1996, "Liberalization and Capital Accumulation in the GTAP Model," GTAP Technical Paper No. 7, Purdue University Center for Global Trade Analysis.
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