



Experts Available: Tariffs and US-China Trade

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With the US-China trade war once again in the headlines, there's renewed focus on tariffs and their economic and political impacts. If you're looking for experts for your coverage, these scholars are responsive and available for comment.

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"Increased US tariffs on Chinese products mean higher prices for US consumers and US businesses. The U.S. administration appears to believe that the tariffs will nonetheless please Trump's voting base, perhaps because that group tends to hold nationalist (including anti-Chinese sentiments) views, and tends to be hostile toward rule-based global institutions (like the World Trade Organization)."

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"The problem is we're now in a different ballgame because Trump is using tariffs to 'weaponize' trade policy to serve broader political aims, both at home and abroad...The idea of a 25 percent tariff is unprecedented for the U.S., especially when global tariff levels are generally at or below 5 percent."

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"New tariffs on more consumer goods, including certain foods, bicycles, computers, and furniture, will increase costs to US consumers. The escalation of the trade war also hurts US farmers and businesses that export to China, like soybean farmers."

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"The tariffs imposed by the U.S. administration are merely a tactic in what will be a protracted confrontation between the world's two largest economies. Other tactics available are diplomatic pressure in cooperation with allies and working within the global rules-based system of the WTO. Given economic theory we know that tariffs will result in higher prices for consumers and producers."

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