

THE TANGLED THREADS OF FREE TRADE: *Developing Countries and the Global Garment Industry* Perspectives from Asia and Eastern Europe

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The abolition on the 1st of January 2005 within the WTO, of the 30-year-old quota system governing the global trade in textile and garments is changing the configuration of global production, and is creating winners and losers. *This has major implications for developing countries, for most of which the industry represents an important source of employment and foreign exchange earnings.*

Field research in **Thailand, Romania and Hong Kong** has allowed me to investigate what the recent move towards liberalization has meant for the garment producers and, more broadly, for the economies of these countries.

I would like to share the results of my research and the impressions of my cultural experience with you. So please join me.

**Monday, March 6, in the Winston Room
from 4-5pm!**

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