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Work experience

Trade Specialist, Trade Unit, Organization of American States, U.S.A.

The Organization of American States is an association of 34 states in the Americas (North, Central and South). The OAS brings together government leaders from member states to focus on political, social and development issues. The primary function of the Trade Unit is to support the OAS member states in matters related to trade policy and economic integration and, in particular, with their efforts to negotiate a Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

At the Trade Unit I work as a services trade specialist supporting the Negotiating Group on Services within the Free Trade Area of the Americas process. I also conduct research on the liberalization of trade in services in general and trade in financial services in particular. At the moment I am writing about the macroeconomic risk impact of the liberalization of financial services trade.

Director of Capital Markets, Investment Banking division, HSBC/Bank O'Higgins, Santiago, Chile

As Director of Capital Markets with HSBC/Bank O'Higgins I was responsible for corporate bond and share placements and financial advisory.

Academic experience

Lecturer of macroeconomics and monetary policy at the University of Santiago of Chile and University Gabriela Mistral. Chile.

Research assistant at the Department of Applied Economics, Cambridge University, UK.