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# **CLIMATE CHANGE AND TRADE REGIMES: THE QUEST FOR COMPATIBILITY**

### **SPEAKER**



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### **INTRODUCTION**

Governments have so far only had limited success in agreeing an international policy regime to address global warming. Efforts in this direction will continue. In the meanwhile, however, governments in a number of countries will introduce policies that increasingly constrain carbon emissions by industry. As countries do this with different speed and intensity, industries are likely to complain about the adverse competitive effects of differentiated carbon restraint policies. The issue of carbon leakage will also arise, such that production and plant location decisions could result in more output from less carbon-constrained economies, which in turn lessens the effectiveness of stricter policies elsewhere. In the face of this situation, governments may be tempted to turn to trade policy in order to "level the playing field". Such action could have far-reaching implications for international trade relations.

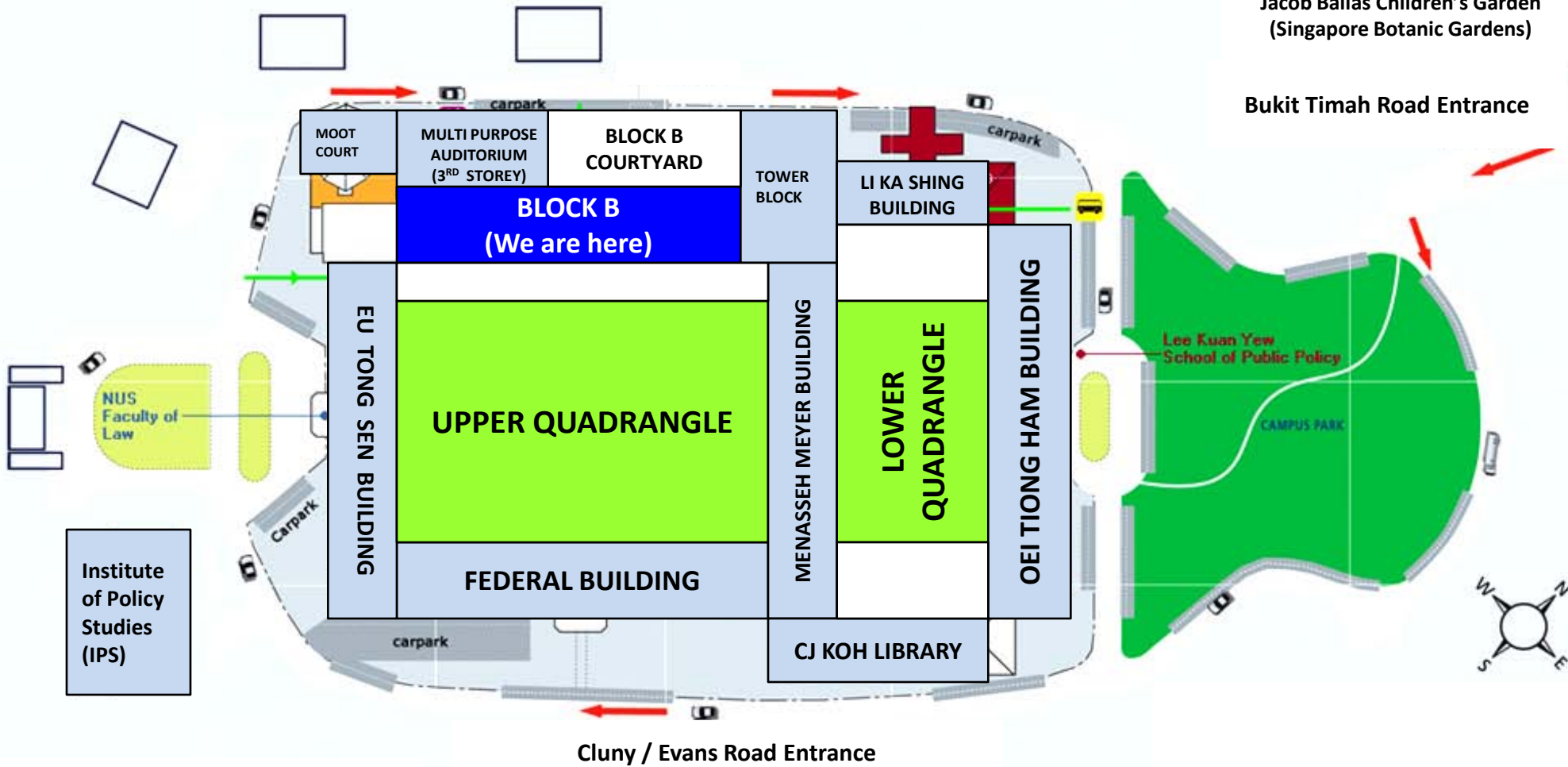
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