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OS ACORDOS COMERCIAIS MEGA REGIONAIS

Atualmente, 30% do comércio mundial de mercadorias recebe tratamento preferencial (16% se excluído o comércio interno da União Europeia), apenas um membro da OMC (Mongólia) não é parte de qualquer acordo comercial preferencial, existem acordos comerciais preferenciais em que as partes são elas próprias outros acordos comerciais preferenciais (por exemplo, o acordo concluído entre a Associação Europeia de Livre Comércio (EFTA) e a União Aduaneira da África Austral (SACU)) e muitos membros da OMC participam em vários acordos comerciais preferenciais ao mesmo tempo.

Embora presentemente não exista qualquer acordo comercial preferencial entre as quatro principais potências comerciais a nível mundial (Estados Unidos, União Europeia, Japão e China), a União Europeia e os Estados Unidos encontram-se a negociar, desde 2013, um acordo de Parceria Transatlântica de Comércio e Investimento; os Estados Unidos e o Japão estão envolvidos nas negociações relativas a uma Parceria Trans-Pacífico; e a China e o Japão participam nas negociações iniciadas em Novembro de 2012 relativas à criação de uma Parceria Económica Regional Abrangente.

Por força do poderio económico de muitos dos participantes nas negociações dos três acordos comerciais mencionados (os denominados acordos “mega” regionais), é provável que os mesmos produzam um impacto significativo na economia internacional, caso as negociações tenham êxito e se coloque, porventura com maior acuidade a questão que tem dividido opiniões desde há muito tempo: a proliferação de acordos comerciais preferenciais põe em causa o sistema comercial multilateral ou contribui positivamente para o bem-estar global. Não por acaso, a relação entre os acordos comerciais preferenciais e a cláusula da nação mais favorecida, verdadeira pedra angular do multilateralismo, é um dos tópicos centrais da política comercial dos dias de hoje.

TÓPICOS DE ESTUDO

- 1. A Teoria da Integração Económica**
- 2. A Cláusula da Nação Mais Favorecida**
- 3. Os Artigo XXIV do GATT, V do GATS e a Cláusula de Habilitação**
- 4. O Caso Turkey – *Restrictions on Imports of Textile and Clothing Products***

5. Os Efeitos dos Acordos Comerciais Preferenciais

6. O Ótimo de Pareto

7. Estudo dos Acordos Comerciais Mega Regionais

8. Considerações Finais

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