



HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

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In Collaboration with



INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW SUMMIT

THE WTO@30: REIMAGINING MULTILATERALISM IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

Programme Schedule | Technical Sessions

TECHNICAL SESSION - 1

Resource Persons

Mr. PVS Giridhar

Dr. Rashmi Shukla

03:00 PM - 05:00 PM

2 OCTOBER 2026

Room No. 1, Academic Block

03:00 PM to
03:15 PM

Atharv Sharma

Beyond Data Liberalization: Investigating Digital Colonialism and Hegemonic Power under WTO Trade Framework

03:15 PM to
03:30 PM

Kamya Verma

From consensus to fragmentation: The WTO's failure to govern the data driven economy

03:30 PM to
03:45 PM

Prajyot Gadage
Prof. Trishla Dubey

Capitalising Culture: WTO Law, Cultural Goods, and the Limits of Trade Liberalisation

03:45 PM to
04:00 PM

Jiya Tandon

Trade as an Instrument of Geopolitical Allegiance and the Growing Exigency to Reorient Multilateralism

04:00 PM to
04:15 PM

Saurabh Singh
Laskhay Choudhary

Corporate Governance Failures in Unicorn Startups: Implications for Investment Facilitation and Global Capital Flows

04:15 PM to
04:30 PM

Harsh Vardhan Pandey

Jurisprudential Continuity in WTO Dispute Settlement: The Role of Precedent in Preserving the Dispute Settlement System

04:30 PM to
04:45 PM

R.V. Keshav Prasath

A Geo-Political-Economic Analysis of the Gwadar-Chabahar Dynamics through the lens of International Trade Law



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TECHNICAL SESSION - 2

Resource Persons

Prof. Dr. Shailja Singh

Prof. Sumita Dave

03:00 PM - 05:00 PM

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Room No. 2, Academic Block

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03:15 PM

Azad Patel
Aayush Yadav

From Rules To Bargains: How The Appellate Body's Paralysis Pushed The Third World Back Into Power Politics

03:15 PM to
03:30 PM

Devam Krishnan

The Permanent Interim: Assessing Whether the MPIA has Outlived its Provisional Mandate

03:30 PM to
03:45 PM

Aakash Singh Thakur

Navigating the Plurilateral Shift:- A Jurisprudential Review of India's Contestation of the IFD Agreement under the Marrakesh Framework

03:45 PM to
04:00 PM

E M Athira
Akhil Babu

Power Asymmetries in Global Trade, Opportunities, and Economy: A Critical Examination of Economic Sanctions and the Marginalisation of the Global South in Trade Networks

04:00 PM to
04:15 PM

Kritika Gaur

Climate Action and the Trade, Sustainability Policy Framework, From Trade to Climate and Back: A Crucial Thirty-First-Century Policy Dilemma

04:15 PM to
04:30 PM

Priyasha Panda

Climate-Induced Trade Disruptions and the Evolution of Force Majeure in International Commercial Law

04:30 PM to
04:45 PM

Bishesh Karki

Strengthening Nepal's Legal Framework for Trade Diversification after Least Developed Country (LDC) Graduation

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TECHNICAL SESSION - 3

Resource Persons

Ms. Sharona Mann

Ms. Aanchal Gupta

03:00 PM - 05:00 PM

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Room No. 3, Academic Block

03:00 PM to
03:15 PM

Riddhi Dhiman

Trading through Turbulence: World Trade Organisation & Politics

03:20 PM to
03:35 PM

**Katyayni Chaturvedi
Abhishek Mohanpuria**

Between Openness and Sovereignty: An Adaptive Modular Framework for Digital Trade Governance

03:40 PM to
03:55 PM

**Shreya Subramaniam
Shiny Agnus**

AI as a Transnational Asset: Rethinking International Trade Law in the Wake of the DeepSeek Incident

04:00 PM to
04:15 PM

**Krishna Dube
Keshav Maheshwari**

Legality of Plurilateral Investment Facilitation Agreements in the WTO - Rethinking Consensus in Light of India's Opposition to the IFD Framework

04:20 PM to
04:35 PM

Deeksha Paliya

Beyond Formal Equality: Who Really Shapes WTO Rules?

04:40 PM to
04:55 PM

Snigdha Samikshya Purohit

From Deadlock to Design: Rethinking WTO Dispute Settlement from a Developing Country Perspective

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TECHNICAL SESSION - 4

Resource Persons

Ms. Tanvi Praveen

Ms. Amita Bais

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

3 OCTOBER 2026

Room No. 1, Academic Block

10:00 AM to
10:15 AM

Pankhudee Singh

From Code To Constraint: Adapting World Trade Organization Law To Algorithmic Market Distortions

10:20 AM to
10:35 AM

Kirti Anurag Pratihari

AI-Enabling Hardware and the WTO Information Technology Agreement: Classification, Regulatory Tensions, and a Governance Architecture for ITA-III

10:40 AM to
10:55 AM

**Sucheta Banerjee
Prithwish Chatterjee**

From Export Surplus to Ecological Deficit: Assessing the Need for a Sui Generis Legal Framework for India's Groundwater Crisis

11:00 AM to
11:15 AM

**Khushi Agrawal
Soumya Turkar**

Legal and Regulatory Compliance for Indian Investors in Foreign Market

11:20 PM to
11:35 PM

Rajshri Chalach

Whose Rules, Whose Trade? Power Asymmetries and Legitimacy in WTO Governance

11:40 AM to
11:55 AM

**Pratiksha Shukla
Kabir Janbhor**

Navigating the Vacuum: Reimagining the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism and the Future of Multilateralism

12:00 PM to
12:15 PM

**Anahaita Chauhan
Garima Pandey**

The WTO@30- Reimagining Multilateralism in International Trade Law

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TECHNICAL SESSION - 5

Resource Persons

Dr. Sumi Pant

Ms. Swati Garg

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

3 OCTOBER 2026

Room No. 2, Academic Block

10:00 AM to
10:15 AM

Chauhan Anshuman Vikram

The WTO and Digital Sovereignty - Reconciling Data Localization Measures with Multilateral Trade Obligations

10:20 AM to
10:35 AM

**Abhijnan Sinha
Rudrajeet Thakur**

A Critical Analysis of the Legal Vulnerabilities and Criminal Risks in Modern Paperless Trade Systems in India

10:40 AM to
10:55 AM

**Aarya Bagga
Abhiroop**

Power Asymmetries and Informal Sanctions in Global Trade Governance: Rethinking the Limits of Rule-Based Order

11:00 AM to
11:15 AM

Richelle Brown

Power, Participation and Inequality: Revisiting Fairness in WTO Dispute Settlement

11:20 PM to
11:35 PM

**Isha Kulkarni
Rohit Vinu**

No Body, No Appeal: Judicial Sufficiency and Structural Reform of the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism

11:40 AM to
11:55 AM

Roshani Sahu

The WTO @ 30: Services Liberalisation under GATS and the Protection of Regulatory Autonomy and Developmental Interests in India's Emerging Economy

12:00 PM to
12:15 PM

Dr. Anindhya Tiwari

Reimagining South Asian Economic Integration: A Tax and Trade Law Perspective n 'Akhand Bharat' as a regional fiscal space

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TECHNICAL SESSION - 6

Resource Persons

Dr. Utkarsh K. Mishra

Mr. PVS Giridhar

02:00 PM - 04:30 PM

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Mini Theatre

02:00 PM to
02:15 PM

Dr. Susmita Dhar
Deborshi Biswas

Climate Crisis and Trade Law- A Study with Special Reference to CSR (ESR), Green Finance, BRSR, WTO Guidelines and its Implementation in Indian Scenario

02:20 PM to
02:35 PM

Swastik Mahapatra

Green Protection in Digital Age: Reconciling Climate Measures with WTO Principles in an Unequal Global Trade System

02:40 PM to
02:55 PM

Anshika
Tannu

Weaponizing Intellectual Property: Analysing the 'Security Exception' under TRIPS in the Context of the 2026 Iran-Israel Cyber-Conflict

03:00 PM to
03:15 PM

Sonali Agnihotri Mishra
Anshika Pandey

Digital Payment System in Digital Trade: A legal Perspective

03:20 PM to
03:35 PM

Aafaq Adil Shaikh
Rishiraj Nalte

The Abuse of Trade Law: Analysing Limits of Emergency Tariffs and National Security Exceptions

03:40 PM to
03:55 PM

Talish Nangia
Minisha Padhi

Tariff Barriers in the Age of Digital Trade: Assessing the Economic and Regulatory Implications of Custom Duties on Cross-Border E-Commerce

04:00 PM to
04:15 PM

Saanidhya Jai Kumar
Taarishi Goel

The WTO at the Climate Frontier: A Comparative Analysis of Policy Space for China and India

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TECHNICAL SESSION - 7

Resource Persons

Ms. Purva Mishra

Ms. Sharona Mann

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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Room No. 1, Academic Block

10:00 AM to
10:15 AM

Dr. Debmita Mondal
Dr. Ankit Awasthi

Promoted by GI but demoted by SPS:
A Multilateral perspective on India's trade in
agricultural goods at global Market

10:15 AM to
10:30 AM

Velmury Nihar

The Sovereignty Paradox: Cross-Border Data
Restrictions, Geopolitical Rivalry, and the
Limits of Multilateral Trade Law

10:30 AM to
10:45 AM

Akash Sharma
Shailendra Singh Narwariya

Bound by Invisible Laws: Structural Coercion,
Consent and Constraint in WTO Governance

10:45 AM to
11:00 AM

Anunay Abhay

The 'Silent Exit' Strategy: Explaining Why Some
Countries Choose Not to Use WTO Dispute
Settlement

11:00 AM to
11:15 AM

Gannavarpu Rajlakshmi
Hiya Saxena

Security over Multilateralism? The Legality of
Friend-Shoring under WTO Law

TECHNICAL SESSION - 8

Resource Persons

Dr. Sumi Pant

Ms. Tanvi Praveen

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM

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Room No. 1, Academic Block

02:30 PM to
02:45 PM

Anand Kumar Dubey

Greening Global Trade: Pathways to
Sustainability & Climate Action

02:45 PM to
03:00 PM

Akshyat Das

The Geopolitics of Interoperability: Assessing the
Legal Friction Between the ASEAN DEFA and WTO
TRIPS Article 39 in the 2026 Digital Trade Landscape

03:00 PM to
03:15 PM

Kurongi Majumder

Space Commerce and the WTO: Regulating
ISRO's Satellite Launch Services in the Absence
of a Multilateral Trade Framework

03:15 PM to
03:30 PM

Ananya Preet Singh

Reconciling Cross-Border Data Flows with
Privacy Protection: Structural Gaps in the
WTO Framework

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TECHNICAL SESSION - A

Resource Persons

Ms. R.V. Anuradha

Mr. Jay Vinayak Ojha

03:00 PM - 05:00 PM

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Online

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Avni Vashistha
Tarishi Verma

Trade Liberalisation and the Erosion of Taxing Rights: Fiscal Sovereignty in the Digital Trade

03:20 PM to
03:35 PM

Sneha Maji

Res Communis vs Resource Capture : Outer Space Commerce and the Future of Trade Law

03:40 PM to
03:55 PM

Riya Parmar

Data as Financial Capital: Legal Pathways to Investment Protection

04:00 PM to
04:15 PM

Chhitiz Parashar

Trade, Power and Survival: Analysing Power Asymmetries at the WTO and Their Impact on Human Rights in Developing Countries

04:20 PM to
04:35 PM

Mahavir Mandot
Dr. Renu Pal Sood

Recalibrating the Crown Jewel: WTO Dispute Settlement @ 30

04:40 PM to
04:55 PM

A. Venkateswara Rao

WTO @ 30: The Evolution of Services Liberalisation and the Challenges of the Reinvigorating the GATS

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TECHNICAL SESSION - B

Resource Persons

Ms. Sparsha Janardhan

Prof. Chen YU

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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Online

10:00 AM to
10:15 AM

Avanish Gupta
Subhashish Kumar Sahu

From Noodle Bowl to Normative Order:
Reclaiming Multilateral Data Privacy Governance
from the Shadow of Bilateral Trade Agreements

10:20 AM to
10:35 AM

Barenya Mekap

The Ontological Crisis of Trade: Additive
Manufacturing, Algorithmic Outputs, and the
Dematerialisation Problem in WTO Law

10:40 AM to
10:55 AM

Annavi Bajpayee
Dhanya

Unmasking Neutrality: Fiscal Sovereignty and
Digital Trade in the Post-Moratorium WTO

11:00 AM to
11:15 AM

Zaid Ali

Parallel Skies, Parallel Crises: Institutional
Frustration in Aviation and WTO
Dispute Settlement

11:20 PM to
11:35 PM

Anwesh Bhowmick
Deepti Gupta

The Green-Digital Nexus: Reconceptualizing the
WTO Framework for the era of Algorithmic
Protectionism

11:40 AM to
11:55 AM

Zoha Khan

Regulating Cross-Border Data Flows:
Reconciling WTO Trade Rules with Data
Sovereignty and Privacy

12:00 PM to
12:15 PM

Savya Jain
Aryamann Sakuja

Echoes of 1929? Power Asymmetries and the
Neo-Mercantilist Turn: Reassessing
Multilateralism in the WTO Era

12:15 PM to
12:30 PM

Namita D'Souza
Aaryaki Jaivardhan Singh Rathore

Digital Sovereignty versus Free Data Flows:
Assessing India's Data Localisation Measures
under GATS Article XIV

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TECHNICAL SESSION - C

Resource Persons

Prof. Sanath Sameera Wijesinghe

Dr. Rosmy Joan

02:00 PM - 04:30 PM

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02:15 PM

Argha Maitra
Dr. Trishla Dubey

Governing AI Supply Chains: Trade, National Security and Critical Resources

02:20 PM to
02:35 PM

Diya Kapoor

The Crisis of Multilateralism at the WTO:
Fragmentation of Digital Trade Governance
in the era of AI Regulation

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02:55 PM

Vipula Bhatia
Bhavya Singh

The Carbon Tariff Dilemma: CBAM, WTO and its
impact on South Asia

03:00 PM to
03:15 PM

Anoushka Yadav
Nandini Shyam

Crisis of the WTO Appellate Body and Reforms
of the Dispute Settlement System

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03:35 PM

Adi Jain
Priyal Gaba

The Algorithm Crossed the Border, and No One
Noticed: WTO Law's AI Blind Spot

03:40 PM to
03:55 PM

Vihaan Gandhi
Mayal Arshad

Digital Trade Provisions in Bilateral and Regional
Trade Agreements: A Comparative Legal Analysis
of USMCA, DEPA, and India-UAE CEPA

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04:15 PM

Saksham Singh

Beyond "When": Reimagining the National
Security Exception in WTO Dispute Settlement

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04:30 PM

Shailja Khetan
Akshay Sharma

Reimagining Multilateralism or Reproducing
Hierarchy: Colonial Paternalism in
WTO Trade Governance

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TECHNICAL SESSION - D

Resource Persons

Mr. Vinay Juneja

Prof. Dr. Tilottama Rayachaudhari

02:00 PM - 04:30 PM

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Online

02:00 PM to
02:15 PM

**Manisha
Alok Kumar**

Corporate Governance of AI-Powered Social Media Platforms: Implications for Digital Trade Regulation under the WTO

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02:35 PM

**Mohammad Anas
Abhishek Mohanpuria**

Revisiting Special and Differential Treatment after 30 Years of WTO

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02:55 PM

Dr. Amitesh Deshmukh

Reforming WTO Dispute Settlement: Rethinking Fairness in a System Without an Appellate Body

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03:15 PM

Amishi Singh

Buying the Door In: Cross-Border Services Acquisitions and the Limits of Market Access under Article XVI of the GATS

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03:35 PM

Sonia Tyagi

Global Trade Power Shift: The Impact of National Security Exceptions & Plurilateral Data Governance on Digital Sovereignty & Multilateralism

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03:55 PM

Nasma Sulthana S

WTO DSU Article 22 Proportionality in India vs. USA 2025 Retaliatory Tariff

04:00 PM to
04:15 PM

**Bhavya Singh
Abeer Kauraw**

Architecting Inequality: Infrastructural Power, Digital Platform Dominance, and the Asymmetric Constitution of WTO Digital Trade Norms