

The Phrasing of GATS V





Implications for the Architecture of International Trade Law

The Task of GATS V: General

- Enable deeper Integration
- Prevent Dilution of WTO Law
- Protect Systemic Logic of Int. Trade
- Empower Members



The Reality of GATS V: General

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- Protect Systemic Logic 
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→ Case-Law, Amending GATS V,
Framework-Treaty

GATS V and the Global South

- Protect weak Economies
- Promote Economic Development
- Enable the South to Catch-Up
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GATS V: Challenge in the South

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→ Flexibility (Sectors, single Services), Legal Security, Development Focus, Waiver

GATS V and WTO Law

- Lack of Legal Security weakens the System
- Too much vs. Too little Flexibility
- Too many Spaghettis are unhealthy



Thank you!

Discussion

Are the Weaknesses of GATS V typical?

- If **yes**, why bother?
- If **yes**, is the WTO Law no longer up to the task?
- If **no**, but Change is unlikely to happen – are there other, better equipped Instruments to deal with the Task of GATS V?