

WTI Brown Bag Seminar



Title

Data flows restrictions and GATS security exception

Speaker

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When

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Where

Silva Casa Auditorium
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Abstract

This talk takes a potential WTO dispute against measures restricting data flows as an occasion to provide a basic conceptual framework to assess these restrictions under the existing WTO language. It intends to demystify the issue of data flows and national security by providing a legal and technical analysis on how restrictions on data flows influence the capacity of a country to protect its national security.

Biography of the speaker

Martina is passionate about policy-making and technological innovation. She is currently a Leaders Policy Fellow at the European University Institute, where she is finalising her PhD on the topic of cross-border data flows. She is affiliated with Hamburg University, Columbia University and the California International Law Center. She is particularly interested in digital entrepreneurship and was recently selected in Forbes 30 Under 30 list for Science and Healthcare for her work with Oral3D, a start-up she co-founded in the area of 3D printing and dentistry. Martina also founded and manages FabLab Western Sicily, a non-profit organisation which brings digital fabrication to Sicilian kids. For her work, she was listed in 2018 among the 15 most influential Italian women on digital issues. She is also a Research Associate at the think-tank European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE) in Brussels, where she writes about digital trade issues and data flows. Previously, she worked at the European Commission and at the United Nations. To know more about her work, visit the website www.martinaferracane.com