Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi

&

Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab

invite you to attend the Conference on

'DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS: PROSPECTIVE PATHWAYS'

Chief Guest

SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL
Hon’ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry; Textiles, and; Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India

CTIL and CADR, RGNUL are organizing a conference on Dispute Settlement in Regional Trade Agreements: Prospective Pathways on 10-11 February 2022. The conference seeks to shed light on and enlighten the participants concerning challenges as well as the possible direction in which dispute settlement could evolve in RTAs and the WTO. The conference will, among other topics, focus on the dispute settlement provisions in CPTPP, USMCA and the European Union trade agreements through dedicated sessions. These trade agreements contain innovative approaches in their dispute settlement chapters that are poised to offer considerable guidance and influence on dispute resolution. Understanding the scope and nature of dispute settlement in these RTAs is key to visualising the emerging trends in the international trade agreements. The discussion will bring together a variety of perspectives from both developing countries and developed countries.

Day 1 Registration Link

Day 2 Registration Link
Opening Session

8.15-8.30 am IST, 10 Feb

PROF. JAMES NEDUMPARA
Head and Professor, CTIL, New Delhi, India

PROF. G. S. BAJPAI
Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab, India

Session 1: Dispute Settlement in North American Trade Agreements

CHAIR: PROF. COLIN PICKER
Executive Dean, Faculty of Business and Law, University of Wollongong, Australia

MR. SIMON LESTER
(8.30-8.50 am IST, 10 Feb | 10.00-10.20 pm EST, 9 Feb)
Co-founder of WorldTradeLaw.net and China Trade Monitor, Washington, D.C., United States

PROF. J. ANTHONY VAN DUZER
(8.50-9.10 am IST, 10 Feb | 10.20-10.40 pm EST, 9 Feb)
Hyman Soloway Chair in Business and Trade Law and Full Professor, University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

PROF. DAVID A. GANTZ
(9.10-9.30 am IST, 10 Feb | 8.40-9.00 pm MST, 9 Feb)
Will Clayton Fellow for Trade and International Economics Center for the United States and Mexico/Baker Institute, Rice University; Samuel M. Fegtly Professor Emeritus, The University of Arizona, Rogers College of Law, United States

PROF. GREGORY SHAFFER
(9.30-9.50 am IST, 10 Feb | 8.00-8.20 pm PST, 9 Feb)
Chancellor's Professor of Law, School of Law, University of California, Irvine, California, United States

Q&A Session | 9.50-10.00 am IST, 10 Feb
Session 2 - Dispute Settlement in Asia-Pacific Trade Agreements

CHAIR: DR. SRIKAR K. REDDY
Joint Secretary, WANA Division, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi, India

PROF. CHARLES-EMMANUEL CÔTÉ
(10.00-10.20 am IST, 10 Feb | 11.30-11.50 pm EST, 9 Feb)
Full Professor, Faculty of Law, Laval University, Quebec City, Canada

DR. RAJESH SHARMA
(10.40-11.00 am IST, 10 Feb | 4.10-4.30 pm AEDT, 10 Feb)
Senior Lecturer, Legal and Dispute Studies, Criminology and Justice, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia

PROF. HENG WANG
(10.20-10.40 am IST, 10 Feb | 3.50-4.10 pm AEDT, 10 Feb)
Professor and Co-Director, UNSW Law & Justice's Herbert Smith Freehills China International Business and Economic Law (CIBEL) Centre, Sydney, Australia

PROF. MICHAEL EWING-CHOW
(11.00-11.20 am IST, 10 Feb | 1.30-1.50 pm SGT, 10 Feb)
Associate Professor and WTO Chair, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, Singapore

PROF. SUFIAN JUSOH
(11.20-11.40 am IST, 10 Feb | 1.50-2.10 pm MYT, 10 Feb)
Director and Professor of International Trade and Investment at the Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Q&A Session | 11.40 am-12.00 pm IST, 10 Feb

BREAK

Special Address

PROF. PETER VAN DEN BOSSCHE
(3.00-3.40 pm IST, 10 Feb | 10.30 am-11.10 am CET, 10 Feb)
Director of Studies, World Trade Institute (WTI), Bern; Former Member and Chairman, Appellate Body, World Trade Organization (WTO), Geneva, Switzerland

Q&A Session | 3.40-4.00 pm IST, 10 Feb
IIFT Panel Discussion: Developing an Architecture for Dispute Settlement in Trade Agreements: Indian Perspective

CHAIR: PROF. MANOJ PANT
Vice-Chancellor of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

MR. SUHAIL NATHANI
(4.00-6.00 pm IST, 10 Feb)
Managing Partner, Economic Laws Practice, Mumbai, India

MR. TEJAS KARIA
(4.00-6.00 pm IST, 10 Feb)
Partner and Head, Arbitration Practice, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, New Delhi, India

MS. SHAILJA SINGH
(4.00-6.00 pm IST, 10 Feb)
Associate Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, IIFT, New Delhi

SHRI TAPAN MAZUMDER
(4.00-6.00 pm IST, 10 Feb)
Additional DGFT, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi, India

Q&A Session | 6.00-6.30 pm IST, 10 Feb

Concluding Session

Special Address

Prof. Raj Bhala
(6.30-7.00 pm IST, 10 Feb | 7.00-7.30 am CST, 10 Feb)
Distinguished Professor, University of Kansas, School of Law, Lawrence, Kansas, United States; Senior Advisor, Dentons, Kansas City, Missouri, United States; On Point Columnist, Bloomberg Quint, Mumbai, India

Chief Guest

Shri Piyush Goyal
(7.00-7.10 pm IST, 10 Feb)
Hon’ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry; Textiles, and; Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India

Concluding Remarks

Prof. James Nedumpara
Head and Professor, CTIL, New Delhi, India

Prof. G. S. Bajpai,
Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab, India
Session 3 - Emerging Trends in ISDS in Investment Chapters of Trade Agreements

CHAIR: PROF. LEÏLA CHOUKROUNE
Professor of International Law and Director of the University of Portsmouth Thematic Area in Democratic Citizenship, United Kingdom

PROF. PRABHASH RANJAN
(11.00-11.20 am IST, 11 Feb)
Professor and Vice Dean (Continuing Education), Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat, (OP Jindal Global University), India

PROF. LUKE R. NOTTAGE
(11.40 am-12.00 pm IST, 11 Feb | 5.10-5.30 pm AEDT, 11 Feb)
Professor, University of Sydney, Australia; Special Counsel, Williams Trade Law, Sydney, Australia

PROF. N. JANSEN CALAMITA
(11.20-11.40 am IST, 11 Feb | 1.50-2.10 pm SGT, 11 Feb)
Research Associate Professor and Head, Investment Law and Policy, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore, Singapore

PROF. MARKUS WAGNER
(12.00-12.20 pm IST, 11 Feb | 5.30-5.50 pm AEDT, 11 Feb)
Associate Professor of Law and Director, UOW Transnational Law & Policy Centre (TLPC), School of Law, University of Wollongong, Australia

Q&A Session | 12.20-12.50 pm IST, 11 Feb

Special Address

PROF. GIORGIO SACERDOTI
(12.50-1.20 pm IST, 11 Feb | 8.20-8.50 am CET, 11 Feb)
Emeritus Professor of International Law and European Law, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy; Former Member and Chairman of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Q&A Session | 1.20-1.50 pm IST, 11 Feb

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Session 4: Dispute Settlement in the EU Trade Agreements

CHAIR: MS. NIDHI MANI TRIPATHI
Joint Secretary, FT-Europe, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi, India (TBC)

PROF. MARCO BRONCKERS
(3.00-3.20 pm IST, 11 Feb | 10.30-10.50 am CET, 11 Feb)
Professor of WTO and EU law, Leiden University, Netherlands; Member of the Brussels Bar

PROF. GERALDO VIDIGAL
(3.20-3.40 pm IST, 11 Feb | 10.50-11.10 am CET, 11 Feb)
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands; Visiting Fellow, Centre for Trade and Economic Integration, Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland

DR. DYLAN GERAETS
(3.40-4.00 pm IST, 11 Feb | 11.10-11.30 am CET, 11 Feb)
Associate, Public Policy, Regulatory & Political Law and International Trade practices, Mayer Brown, Brussels, Belgium

MR. FOLKERT GRAAFSMA
(4.00-4.20 pm IST, 11 Feb | 11.30-11.50 am CET, 11 Feb)
Partner, VVGB Advocaten, Brussels, Belgium

Discussion - Dispute Settlement in International Trade: Lessons Learnt from the Past

CHAIR: PROF. ABHIJIT DAS
Head and Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi, India

PROF. FRANK ALTEMÖLLER
(4.30-4.45 pm IST, 11 Feb | 12.00-12.15 pm CET, 11 Feb)
Professor and Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Customs and International Trade Law, University of Münster, Germany

DR. HARSHA VARDHANA SINGH
(4.45-5.00 pm IST, 11 Feb)
Chairman, IKDHIWAJ Advisers LLP, New Delhi, India; Former Deputy Director General, WTO, Geneva, Switzerland

MS. GITANJALI BRANDON
(5.00-5.15 pm IST, 11 Feb | 12.30-12.45 pm CET, 11 Feb)
Indian Foreign Service, Deputy Secretary at the MEA; In-charge of the Dispute Settlement portfolio at India's Mission to the WTO from 2018-2021

PROF. JAMES NEDUMPARA
(5.15-5.30 pm IST, 11 Feb)
Head and Professor, CTIL, New Delhi, India, India

PROF. KATHLEEN CLAUSSEN
(5.30-5.45 pm IST, 11 Feb | 7.00-7.15 am EST, 11 Feb)
Associate Professor of Law, University of Miami, Florida, United States

Q&A Session | 4.20-4.30 pm IST, 11 Feb

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VALEDICTORY SESSION

Valedictory Address

SHRI AMIT YADAV  
(6.00-6.20 pm IST, 11 Feb)  
Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, New Delhi, India

Special Address

AMB. DENNIS SHEA  
(6.20-6.40 pm IST, 11 Feb | 7.50-8.10 am EST, 11 Feb)  
Executive Director, J. Ronald Terwilliger Center for Housing Policy;  
Former Deputy U.S. Trade Representative and U.S. Ambassador to the WTO

AMB. UJAL SINGH BHATIA  
(6.40-7.00 pm IST, 11 Feb)  
Former Chairman of Appellate Body and Ambassador of India to the WTO; Honorary Professor at NLU Delhi, India

Closing Remarks

PROF. JAMES NEDUMPARA  
(7.00-7.05 pm IST, 11 Feb)  
Head and Professor, CTIL, New Delhi, India

PROF. G. S. BAJPAI  
(7.05-7.10pm, 11 Feb)  
Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab, India
ABOUT CTIL

The Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL) was established in the year 2016 by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT). The Centre’s primary objective is to provide sound and rigorous analysis of legal issues pertaining to international trade and investment law to the Government of India and other governmental agencies. The Centre is aiming to create a dedicated pool of legal experts who could provide technical inputs for enhancing India's participation in international trade and investment negotiations and dispute settlement.

ABOUT RGNUL

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL) is a National Law University located in Patiala, Punjab, India. It was established in 2006 by the Punjab Government as a university dedicated to the field of Legal Education.

ABOUT CADR

The Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) at RGNUL has been established to promote students’ and researchers’ interest in Alternative Dispute Resolution constituting of dispute resolution methods like Arbitration, Negotiation, Mediation and Conciliation and it aims to promote and develop ADR as a vehicle for socioeconomic and political justice. The ultimate objective of the Centre is to strengthen the ADR mechanism in the country by emerging as a platform for students to further their interest in the field. A strong team of teachers and students is working towards achieving this end.
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