

Trade Talk on "Towards Carbon Neutrality: Forms of Regulation of Investor Conduct in Recent Treaties"



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Centre for Trade and Investment Law is organising a Trade Talk on “Towards Carbon Neutrality: Forms of Regulation of Investor Conduct in Recent Treaties” by Professor Joanna Lam, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen. The session is scheduled to be held on 18th September on 8th Floor, NAFED House, Ashram Chowk, New Delhi.

About the Session

As the world moves to address the urgent threat of climate change, countries have started aligning their trade and investment policies to cater to their climate goals. As businesses are faced with enhanced pressures and requirements in various countries to redesign their production and supply patterns, there is felt an increasing need towards having investment treaties that clearly lay down the ground rules and regulatory norms for the conduct of investors and investments.

International Investment Agreements (IIAs) are aligning increasingly with climate objectives and broader sustainability goals. Countries are considering having a greater policy space for meeting their legitimate policy objectives. Provisions are being included to accommodate economic, social and environmental considerations in investment decision-making by host state governments. Some of the examples of such provisions include requiring investors to conduct Environment Impact Assessments (EIAs) before commencing projects, explicitly requiring adherence to the host country’s environmental laws and standards, promoting renewable energy sources in the investment operations, etc. The Trade Talk by Prof. Joanna Lam would provide insights on the evolving patterns of how investment treaties are including provisions for disciplining investor conduct.

SCHEDULE

TIME	PROGRAMME DETAILS
15.00-15:10	Welcome Remarks and Introduction Shiny Pradeep, Assistant Professor, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, IIFT, New Delhi.
15:10- 15:40	Trade Talk on “Towards Carbon Neutrality: Forms of Regulation of Investor Conduct in Recent Treaties” Professor Joanna Lam, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen
15.40-15.55	Remarks by Ms. Shishira Johny, Consultant (Assistant Professor), Centre for WTO Studies, IIFT, New Delhi.
15:55-16.10	Q&A Session
16:10-16:20	Vote of Thanks Shana Sharma, Research Fellow, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, IIFT, New Delhi
16:20 onwards	High Tea