
CENTRE FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT LAW
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SOUTH ASIA INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW NETWORK

invite you to attend

*'Paradise Lost or Found? - The Post WTO International Legal Order
(Utopian/Dystopian Possibilities)'*

5.30 pm, 06th September 2019, CRIT Conference Hall, NAFED House, New Delhi

Abstract

Despite the irreplaceable role it has played in regulating and facilitating international trade, the future of the World Trade Organisation looks uncertain. The appointment of new members to the Appellate Body is at an impasse, the recourse to unilateral and other mercantilist measures by States are at a high, and the role and status of developing countries is under challenge. Lawyers, policy makers and academicians around the world have continued to think about the potential reforms to the WTO, yet it is undeniable that there is increasing polarisation on the nature of these reforms around the world. In the context of this, it is crucial to examine the possibilities of an international legal order and trading system going forward.

The Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL) and the South Asia International Economic Law Network (SAIELN) are organising a discussion to examine these possibilities on the 06th of September 2019. "Paradise Lost or Found? The Post-WTO International "Legal" Order (Utopian and Dystopian Possibilities)" is a workshop series that has been held at the University of Tokyo in Jan 2019 and The Fletcher School, Tufts University in July 2019. These workshops, involving more than 60 leading IEL academics from around the world, aim to engage in thought exercises for exploring hypothetical possibilities of WTO successor regimes. CTIL-SAIELN session, which includes a keynote address provided by Professor Colin Picker, seeks to discuss such an international legal order and its various outcomes.

Speaker Introduction



Professor Picker is the Pro Vice Chancellor (South Western Sydney) and Dean, School of Law, Faculty of Law, Humanities and the Arts, at the University of Wollongong. Professor has previously served in many capacities at UNSW Law Sydney, including as Associate Dean (International), Director (and founder) of the China International Business and Economic Law Initiative and Director of the IBEL stream of the LLM.

Prior to joining UNSW, Professor Picker was the Daniel L. Brenner/UMKC Scholar & Professor of Law at the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law. Professor Picker entered academia in 2000, after practicing in the Washington, D.C., law firm Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering. Professor Picker's practice included transnational & trade litigation, international transactions and international congressional policy work. He is a graduate of Yale Law School.

Professor Picker is a co-founder of the Society of International Economic Law (the SIEL), the preeminent international organisation of practitioners, scholars and academicians of international economic law, and has served as its Founding Executive Vice President from 2007 to 2014. He has published widely in the areas of IEL, International Law, China and IEL, and Comparative Law.



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PROGRAMME FOR THE SESSION

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5:30 – 5.40 PM	WELCOME ADDRESS	PROF. JAMES NEDUMPARA, Head & Professor, CTIL
5.40 PM – 6.10 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS	PROF. COLIN PICKER, Dean, School of Law, Faculty of Law, Humanities and the Arts, at the University of Wollongong.
6.10 – 6.25 PM	DISCUSSANTS	MR. RAJEEV KHER, Distinguished Fellow at Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), and formerly Commerce Secretary, Government of India. PROF. ABHIJIT DAS, Head & Professor, Centre for WTO Studies.
6.25 PM – 6.40 PM	Q&A SESSION	
	VOTE OF THANKS	AKSHAYA VENKATARAMAN, Senior Research Fellow – CTIL

HIGH TEA WILL BE SERVED AT 5.15 PM @ NAFED HOUSE

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