



# Conference on 'Dispute Settlement in International Trade Agreements: Prospective Pathways'

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

*and*

**Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR),  
Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL),  
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## **About CTIL:**

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 that who could provide technical inputs for enhancing India's participation in international trade and investment negotiations and dispute settlement.

## **About CADR:**

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.

# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

S. No.	Speaker (Designation)	Time zone (Indian time and Speaker's Local time)
<b>Day 1: 10 FEBRUARY</b>		
<b><u>Opening Session</u></b>		
	<b>Prof. James Nedumpara</b> , Head and Professor, CTIL, New Delhi, India <b>Prof. G. S. Bajpai</b> , Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab, India	8.15-8.30 am IST, 10 Feb
<b><u>Session 1: Dispute Settlement in North American Trade Agreements</u></b> <b>Chair: Prof. Colin Picker</b> , Executive Dean, Faculty of Business and Law, University of Wollongong, Australia		
1.	<b>Mr. Simon Lester</b> , Co-founder of WorldTradeLaw.net and China Trade Monitor, Washington, D.C., United States	8.30-8.50 am IST, 10 Feb [10.00-10.20 pm EST, 9 Feb]
2.	<b>Prof. J. Anthony VanDuzer</b> , Hyman Soloway Chair in Business and Trade Law and Full Professor, University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	8.50-9.10 am IST, 10 Feb [10.20-10.40 pm EST, 9 Feb]
3.	<b>Prof. David A. Gantz</b> , 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	9.10-9.30 am IST, 10 Feb [8.40-9.00 pm MST, 9 Feb]
4.	<b>Prof. Gregory Shaffer</b> , Chancellor's Professor of Law, School of Law, University of California, Irvine, United States	9.30-9.50 am IST, 10 Feb [8.00-8.20 pm PST, 9 Feb]
	Q&A Session	9.50-10.00 am IST, 10 Feb
<b><u>Session 2: Dispute Settlement in Asia-Pacific Trade Agreements</u></b> <b>Chair: Dr. Srikar K. Reddy</b> , Joint Secretary, WANA Division, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi, India		
5.	<b>Prof. Charles-Emmanuel Côté</b> , Full Professor, Faculty of Law, Laval University, Quebec City, Canada	10.00-10.20 am IST, 10 Feb [11.30-11.50 pm EST, 9 Feb]
6.	<b>Prof. Heng Wang</b> , Professor and Co-Director, UNSW Law & Justice's Herbert Smith Freehills China International Business and Economic Law (CIBEL) Centre, Sydney, Australia	10.20-10.40 am IST, 10 Feb [3.50-4.10 pm AEDT, 10 Feb]
7.	<b>Dr. Rajesh Sharma</b> , Senior Lecturer, Legal and Dispute Studies, Criminology and Justice, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia	10.40-11.00 am IST, 10 Feb [4.10-4.30 pm AEDT, 10 Feb]

8.	<b>Prof. Michael Ewing-Chow</b> , Associate Professor and WTO Chair, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, Singapore	11.00-11.20 am IST, 10 Feb [1.30-1.50 pm SGT, 10 Feb]
9.	<b>Prof. Sufian Jusoh</b> , Director and Professor of International Trade and Investment at the Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia	11.20-11.40 am IST, 10 Feb [1.50-2.10 pm MYT, 10 Feb]
Q&A Session		11.40 am-12.00 pm IST, 10 Feb
<b><u>BREAK</u></b>		
<b><u>Special Address</u></b>		
10.	<b>Prof. Peter van den Bossche</b> , Director of Studies, World Trade Institute (WTI), Bern; Former Member and Chairman, Appellate Body, World Trade Organization (WTO), Geneva, Switzerland	3.00-3.40 pm IST, 10 Feb [10.30 am-11.10 am CET, 10 Feb]
Q&A Session		3.40-4.00 pm IST, 10 Feb
<b><u>IIFT Panel Discussion - Developing an Architecture for Dispute Settlement in Trade Agreements: Indian Perspective</u></b> <i>Chair: Prof. Manoj Pant, Vice-Chancellor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi, India</i>		
11.	<b>Shri Tapan Mazumder</b> , Additional DGFT, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi, India	4:00-5:45 pm IST, 10 Feb
12.	<b>Mr. Suhail Nathani</b> , Managing Partner, Economic Laws Practice, Mumbai, India	4:00-5:45 pm IST, 10 Feb
13.	<b>Ms. Shailja Singh</b> , Associate Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi	4:00-5:45 pm IST, 10 Feb
14.	<b>Mr. Tejas Karia</b> , Partner and Head, Arbitration Practice, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, New Delhi, India	4:00-5:45 pm IST, 10 Feb
Q&A Session		5.45-6.00 pm IST, 10 Feb
<b><u>BREAK</u></b>		
<b><u>CONCLUDING SESSION</u></b>		
15.	<b><u>Keynote Address:</u></b> <b>Shri Anup Wadhwan</b> , Former Commerce Secretary to Government of India.	6.15-6.35 pm IST, 10 Feb
16.	<b><u>Special Address:</u></b> <b>Prof. Raj Bhala</b> , 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	6.35-7.00 pm IST, 10 Feb [7.05-7.30 am CST, 10 Feb]
Q&A Session		7.00-7.15 pm IST, 10 Feb
17.	<b><u>Closing Remarks:</u></b> <b>Prof. James Nedumpara</b> , Head and Professor, CTIL, New Delhi, India <b>Prof. G. S. Bajpai</b> , Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab, India	7.15-7.20 pm IST, 10 Feb

## Day 2: 11 February

### Opening Remarks

**Prof. Naresh Kumar Vats**, Professor of Law cum Officiating Registrar, RGNUL, Punjab, India

9.50-10.00 am IST, 11 Feb

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| 18.         | <b>Prof. Ricardo Ramírez Hernández</b> , Chair of International Trade Law, Mexican National University (UNAM), Mexico City, Mexico; Former Member and Chairman of the Appellate Body of WTO | 10.00-10.30 am IST, 11 Feb<br>[10:30-11:00 pm CST, 10 Feb] |
| 19.         | <b>Valedictory Address:</b><br><b>Shri Amit Yadav</b> , Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi, India                                   | 10.30-10.45 am IST, 11 Feb                                 |
| Q&A Session |   | 10.45-11.00 am IST, 11 Feb                                 |

### 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

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| 20.         | <b>Prof. Prabhash Ranjan</b> , Professor and Vice Dean (Continuing Education), Jindal Global Law School, O P Jindal Global University, Sonipat, India                         | 11.00-11.20 am IST, 11 Feb                                   |
| 21.         | <b>Prof. N. Jansen Calamita</b> , Research Associate Professor and Head, Investment Law and Policy, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore, Singapore | 11.20 -11.40 am IST, 11 Feb<br>[1.50-2.10 pm SGT, 11 Feb]    |
| 22.         | <b>Prof. Luke R. Nottage</b> , Professor, University of Sydney, Australia; Special Counsel, Williams Trade Law, Sydney, Australia   | 11.40 am-12.00 pm IST, 11 Feb<br>[5.10-5.30 pm AEDT, 11 Feb] |
| 23.         | <b>Prof. Markus Wagner</b> , Associate Professor of Law and Director, UOW Transnational Law & Policy Centre (TLPC), School of Law, University of Wollongong, Australia        | 12.00-12.20 pm IST, 11 Feb<br>[5.30-5.50 pm AEDT, 11 Feb]    |
| Q&A Session |   | 12.20-12.50 pm IST, 11 Feb                                   |

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| 24.         | <b>Prof. Giorgio Sacerdoti</b> , Emeritus Professor of International Law and European Law, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy; Former Member and Chairman of Appellate Body of WTO | 12.50-1.20 pm IST, 11 Feb<br>[8.20-8.50 am CET, 11 Feb] |
| Q&A Session |  | 1.20-1.50 pm IST, 11 Feb<br>[8.50-9.20 am CET, 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

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| 25. | <b>Prof. Marco Bronckers</b> , Professor of WTO and EU law, Leiden University, Netherlands; Member of the Brussels Bar | 3.00-3.20 pm IST, 11 Feb<br>[10.30-10.50 am CET, 11 Feb] |
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26.	<b>Prof. Geraldo Vidigal</b> , Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands; Visiting Fellow, Centre for Trade and Economic Integration, Graduate Institute, Geneva	3.20-3.40 pm IST, 11 Feb [10.50-11.10 am CET, 11 Feb]
27.	<b>Dr. Dylan Geraets</b> , Associate, Public Policy, Regulatory & Political Law and International Trade practices, Mayer Brown, Brussels, Belgium	3.40-4.00 pm IST, 11 Feb [11.10-11.30 am CET, 11 Feb]
28.	<b>Mr. Folkert Graafsma</b> , Partner, VVGB Advocaten, Brussels, Belgium	4.00-4.20 pm IST, 11 Feb [11.30-11.50 am CET, 11 Feb]
Q&A Session		4.20-4.30 pm IST, 11 Feb [11.50 am-12.00 pm CET, 11 Feb]
<b><u>Discussion - Dispute Settlement in International Trade: Lessons learnt from the Past</u></b> <b>Chair: Prof. Abhijit Das</b> , Head and Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi, India		
29.	<b>Prof. Frank Altemöller</b> , Professor and Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Customs and International Trade Law, University of Münster, Germany	4.30-4.45 pm IST, 11 Feb [12.00-12.15 pm CET, 11 Feb]
30.	<b>Dr. Harsha Vardhana Singh</b> , Chairman, IKDHVAJ Advisers LLP, New Delhi, India; Former Deputy Director General, WTO, Geneva, Switzerland	4.45 -5.00 pm IST, 11 Feb
31.	<b>Ms. Gitanjali Brandon</b> , 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	5.00-5.15 pm IST, 11 Feb [12.30-12.45 pm CET, 11 Feb]
32.	<b>Prof. James Nedumpara</b> , Head and Professor, CTIL, New Delhi, India	5.15-5.30 pm IST, 11 Feb
33.	<b>Prof. Kathleen Claussen</b> , Associate Professor of Law, University of Miami, Florida, United States	5.30-5.45 pm IST, 11 Feb [7.00-7.15 am EST, 11 Feb]
Q&A Session		5.45-6.00 pm IST, 11 Feb
<b><u>VALEDICTORY SESSION</u></b>		
34.	<b><u>Special Address:</u></b> <b>Amb. Dennis Shea</b> , Executive Director, J. Ronald Terwilliger Center for Housing Policy, Washington, D.C., United States; Former Deputy U.S. Trade Representative and U.S. Ambassador to the WTO	6.20-6.40 pm IST, 11 Feb [7.50-8.10 am EST, 11 Feb]
35.	<b><u>Special Address:</u></b> <b>Amb. Ujal Singh Bhatia</b> , Former Chairman of Appellate Body and Ambassador of India to the WTO; Honorary Professor at NLU Delhi, India	6.40-7.00 pm IST, 11 Feb
36.	<b><u>Closing Remarks:</u></b> <b>Prof. James Nedumpara</b> , Head and Professor, CTIL, New Delhi, India <b>Prof. G. S. Bajpai</b> , Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab, India	7.00-7.10 pm IST, 11 Feb

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