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INDIA - US TRADE RELATIONS

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The WTO and its predecessor, the GATT, has achieved remarkable success in removing barriers to trade, thus contributing greatly to the growth of world prosperity since the end of World War II. However, in the last few years the WTO appears to have lost its way.

Two of the principal functions of the WTO are: the organization of multilateral trade negotiations designed to produce agreements binding on all Members and dispute settlement. Yet it is currently struggling with at both. In light of the collapse of the Doha Round, which produced only one fairly uncontroversial agreement, another round of multilateral trade negotiations in the near future is unlikely. Negotiations are likely to be replaced by a series of "plurilateral" agreements, binding only on those Members that choose to be bound.

The second main function, dispute settlement, has ground to a halt with the inability to appoint new members to the Appellate Body, which no longer has a quorum.

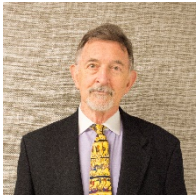
Four leading trade experts will discuss the implications of these developments for the international trading system, as well as other important issues, such as the rapid growth of regional trade agreements, which now account for over half of world trade:



DR. ANIRUDDHA RAJPUT is a Member of the UN International Law Commission (2017-21). He was the Chairperson of the Drafting Committee for the 69th Session of the ILC in 2017. He has recently joined Withers' Public International Law and International Arbitration Groups as a consultant at London. His areas of expertise are general international law, dispute resolution, boundary disputes, law of the sea, international investment law and international trade law. He was a member of the Study Group Constituted by the Law Commission of India on the 2015 Draft Indian Model Bilateral Investment Treaty. His recent book 'Protection of Foreign Investment in India and Investment Treaty Arbitration' was published by Kluwer International.



DR. ARTHUR APPLETON is the founding partner of Appleton Luff, a boutique law firm specializing in international trade. He was a co-editor of a major work on the WTO, described by one reviewer as like a "Mercedes S-Class" among books on international trade. He represented India in the appeal of the celebrated *Shrimp-Turtle* case. He teaches regularly in New Delhi at IIFT and is an Adjunct Professor of International Law at the Johns Hopkins school of Advanced International Studies (SAIS Europe).



PATRICK MACRORY has practiced trade law in Washington DC for many years. He was Editor-in-Chief of the WTO work that Arthur Appleton co-edited. He is Director of the International Trade Law Center at the International Law Institute.



MARK LINSOTT spent many years at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. Among other positions, he was Assistant USTR for the World Trade Organization (WTO) and Multilateral Affairs, and Assistant USTR for South and Central Asia. He led efforts in the bilateral Trade Policy Forum with India. He is now a Senior Fellow with the South Asia Center of the Atlantic Council and is leading the Center's US-India Trade Initiative. He is also a Senior Advisor at the Asia Group.

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