



CTIL-India TradeLab Clinic Training Programme under WTO Chairs Programme
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The WTO Chairs Programme, launched in 2010 by the WTO, aims to support, promote and enhance the knowledge and understanding of International Trade Law and Policy among academicians and policy-makers in developing and least-developed countries by encouraging and supporting trade-related academic activities undertaken by research institutions and universities.

Academic institutions which are awarded the WTO Chair receive support in the areas of research, curriculum development, and outreach activities. The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) has been selected as the India Chair in Phase III of the WTO's Chairs Programme on the basis of a joint application by two of its centres – the Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL) and the Centre for WTO Studies (CWS).

As part of the activities which has been planned by the India Chair under the WCP, CTIL and CWS will host a workshop for students and faculty of Indian law schools that are part of the CTIL-India TradeLab Clinic Programme. The Training Programme will introduce the participants to the modalities of TradeLab practicum and issues of international economic law. The workshop is scheduled to be conducted on **9th December 2022 at NAFED House, 7th Floor, Siddhartha Enclave, Ring Road, Ashram Chowk, New Delhi, 110014.**

TradeLab is a global network of legal clinics, initiated at the Graduate Institute by Professor Joost Pauwelyn in 2009, and currently has seven sites located across the globe (besides Geneva, now also in Canada, India, Singapore, UK, Tanzania, the USA, etc). TradeLab brings together students, academics and legal practitioners. It aims to empower countries and stakeholders to reap the full development benefits of global trade and investment rules.

TradeLab is a Geneva-based initiative which brings a unique experience of understanding, studying and research in international trade law and international investment law among all its stakeholders. Through pro bono Legal Clinics and Practica, TradeLab connects students and experienced legal professionals to research organizations, SMEs and civil society to build lasting legal capacity. Through 'learning by doing' TradeLab trains and promotes the next generation of trade and investment lawyers. By providing information and support on negotiations, compliance and litigation, TradeLab strives to make WTO, preferential trade and bilateral investment treaties work for everyone.

Clinical legal education is slowly gaining pace in India. The CTIL-India TradeLab clinic, which started in August 2020, with law schools across India has emerged bottom-up in this regard. At CTIL-TradeLab clinics, international law students benefit from the strong ties with international organizations, not-for-profit, and business actors; renowned faculties; and its research environment. The CTIL-TradeLab clinics make its pool of knowledge and expertise available to stakeholders (e.g. SMEs or NGOs in both



developing, least developed and developed countries), empowering them to reap the full development benefits of global economic rules.

Currently, CTIL is running the TradeLab clinics with (i) National Law University, Jodhpur; (ii) Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar; and (3) Gujarat Maritime University, Gandhinagar. Till now, CTIL-India TradeLab clinic projects have been conducted for beneficiaries such as Indian Steel Association; Services Export Promotion Council; International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution; Laghu Udyog Bharati; and others on issues such as Liberalization of Legal Services, India's Steel Trade under its Free Trade Agreements with ASEAN countries, Japan, And Korea; Viability of Article 25 of the DSU to solve the Appellate Body crisis; and others. Currently, the CTIL-TradeLab clinic is conducting projects with National Law University, Jodhpur on the role of civil societies in international trade negotiations; and with Gujarat National Law University on drafting a template of mutual recognition agreement.

The main aim of this Training Programme is (1) to better prepare law students by providing them with hands-on legal experience, (2) to take full advantage of international organizations so as to offer both faculty and students a unique experience, and (3) to offer pro bono legal information and research to the many stakeholders in global economic affairs who are affected by international trade and investment agreements and dispute settlement but do not have the resources to fully engage in this field.

The Training Programme will focus on training the students with the basics of the WTO Law and modalities of the TradeLab practicum. The tentative module of the Training Programme are as follows:

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Sessions</i>	<i>Technical Expert</i>
1.	Introduction to Basic Principles of International Economic Law	Prof. (Dr.) Tomer Broude, Bessie and Michael Greenblatt, QC, Chair in Public and International Law, Faculty of Law and Department of International Relations, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2.	Research Methodology in Social Sciences, and Academic Writing	Prof. (Dr.) J.P. Singh, Professor of International Commerce and Policy at the Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University (USA)
3.	Clinical Legal Education in Indian Law Schools	Prof. Shireen Moti, Assistant Professor of Law, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University; Chair, JGU Committee on Academic Support for Higher Education in Law (CASHEL)
4.	Insights into India-specific TradeLab projects	Prof. (Dr.) James J. Nedumpara, Professor and Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India Mr. Satwik Shekhar, Consultant, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India



		Mr. Rishabha Meena, Consultant, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
5.	Role of Civil Societies in International Trade	Prof. (Dr.) Tomer Broude, Bessie and Michael Greenblatt, QC, Chair in Public and International Law, Faculty of Law and Department of International Relations, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
6.	Drafting a Template Mutual Recognition Agreement	Prof. (Dr.) Santanu Mukherjee, Head of Chambers at Ex Lege Chambers, Advocates and Regulatory, Policy Advisors
7.	Recounting the experience of CTIL-India TradeLab clinics	<p>Prof. (Dr.) Rosmy Joan, Assistant Professor of Law, National Law University, Jodhpur; Faculty Expert, CTIL-India TradeLab clinic with NLU Jodhpur</p> <p>Prof. (Dr.) Dr. G. V. Narasimha Rao Associate Professor of Law Gujarat Maritime University; Faculty Expert, CTIL-India TradeLab clinic with GMU</p> <p>Prof. Harsha Rajwanshi, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar Faculty Expert, CTIL-India TradeLab clinic with GNLU</p>
8.	Feedback from the participants and distribution of certificates.	

The Training Program will be conducted in a hybrid mode. It will be attended by students as well as the faculty resource person of the law schools in India. The participants will be assisted by prominent experts in International Economic Law, and TradeLab practicum who would train the students and faculty on the above-mentioned aspects. Further, the participants attending in person will also be provided with certificates.