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# The Future of Trade Dispute Settlement: WTO Panels and The New Plurilateralism

4:00PM, 13th January 2020, CRIT Conference Hall, NAFED House, New Delhi

#### **Abstract**

While discussions over the fate of the Appellate Body are ongoing in Geneva and in capitals around the world, less attention has been paid to what will happen once the Appellate Body has exhausted its ability to adjudicate the ongoing cases as of 10 December 2019.

The presentation will outline two options that WTO Members will confront in this new age of trade dispute settlement. First, a return to dispute settlement with characteristics between the existing panel system and adjudication in the GATT era. Second, the potential rise of dispute settlement under what one may call **The New Plurilateralism: Plurilateral Trade Agreements** such as the CPTPP and RCEP. Both options evince significant and consequential differences from the existing system. There is little evidence that the Members have adequately prepared for either scenarios.

## **Speaker Introduction**



Markus Wagner is Associate Professor at the School of Law, University of Wollongong, Australia. He joined the School of Law in 2018 from Warwick Law School. Previously, he worked at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany; served as legal counsel for the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations in New York; clerked for then-President of the Supreme Court of Israel, Aharon Barak; worked for the Brussels office of Wilmer Hale.

Professor Wagner is the Executive Vice-President of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL). He has advised international organisations and has presented at numerous academic and professional conferences. He currently serves as the Associate Editor for the Journal of World Investment and Trade (JWIT) and sits on the advisory boards of the International Journal of Law in Context and the Göttingen Journal of International Law (GoJIL).

### **Programme for the Session**

4:00 PM, 13th January 2020, CRIT Conference Hall

8th Floor, NAFED House, Ashram Chowk, New Delhi

#### Welcome Address & Chair

**Professor Abhijit Das** 

Head & Professor Centre for WTO Studies

#### **Keynote Address**

#### Professor Markus Wagner

Associate Professor, University of Wollongong, Australia & Executive Vice-President, Society of International Economic Law

#### **Discussant**

Dr. James J. Nedumpara

Head & Professor Centre for Trade and Investment Law

&

Dr. Ram Upendra Das

Head & Professor Centre for Regional Trade

#### **Vote of Thanks**

Apoorva Singh Vishnoi

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Centre for Trade and Investment Law

Tea/Coffee & Snacks at 5:30 PM

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