



# AUSTRALIA-INDIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT CONFERENCE



23 – 24 NOVEMBER 2021

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Transnational Law and Policy Centre, University of Wollongong, Australia  
Centre for India Australia Studies, O.P. Jindal Global University, India  
Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, India  
Asia Pacific Research Centre, University of Newcastle, Australia  
South Asia International Economic Law Network, New Delhi

# PROGRAMME

## DAY 1: TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2021

08:00 am – 08:10 am (IST)

01:30 pm – 01:40 pm (AEDT)

### INTRODUCTION

— **Colin Picker**, University of Wollongong & **James Nedumpara**, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade/Jindal Global Law School

## PANEL 1: CONCEPTUALIZING THE AUSTRALIA – INDIA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

08:10 am – 09:30 am (IST)

01:40 pm – 03:00 pm (AEDT)

— **Moderator: Lisa Toohy**, University of Newcastle

- **Ambassador V S Sehsadri**, Former Ambassador of India to Myanmar  
*Boosting Australia-India Economic Relations*
- **Nikhil Damodaran**, O. P. Jindal Global University  
*Australia/India Trade via Basic Trade Theory*
- **Heng Wang**, University of New South Wales  
*The Breadth, Depth and Strength of an Australia-India Trade Agreement*
- **Sumanta Chaudhuri**, India Gov't, ret.  
*Structure and Negotiating Issues for Services*

09:30 am – 10:00 am (IST)

03:00 pm – 03:30 pm (AEDT)

### BREAK

## PANEL 2: EMERGING ISSUES

10:00 am – 11:30 am (IST)

03:30 pm – 05:00 pm (AEDT)

— **Moderator: Ram Upendra Das**, CRT, Dept. Com., India

- **Bradly Condon**, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo De México  
*Climate Change Considerations for Australia-India RTA*
- **Amrita Bahri**, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo De México  
*Gender Mainstreaming Strategy for the Negotiations*
- **Pallavi Kishore**, O.P. Jindal Global University  
*A Critical Analysis of the Interaction between Trade and Gender Issues*
- **James Nedumpara**, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade/Jindal Global Law School & **Markus Wagner**, University of Wollongong  
*A Future Agriculture Chapter in a Future AUS – India Trade Agreement*

11:30 am – 12:00 pm (IST)

05:00 pm – 05:30 pm (AEDT)

### BREAK

## PANEL 3: INVESTMENT RULES

12:00 pm – 01:30 pm (IST)

05:30 pm – 07:00 pm (AEDT)

— **Moderator: Tania Voon**, University of Melbourne

- **Luke Nottage**, University of Sydney  
*Mandatory Investor-State Conciliation Before Arbitration in Asia-Pacific Treaties: New Developments and Implications for India and Australia*
- **Prabhash Ranjan**, O. P. Jindal Global University  
*Comparing the Indian and Australian Approaches on Investment Protection*
- **Rajesh Sharma**, RMIT University  
*Possible Dispute Resolution Mechanism in Australia-India FTA*
- **Elizabeth Sheargold**, University of Wollongong  
*Exceptions/Other Protections for Regulatory Autonomy in Investment Law*

01:30 pm – 02:00 pm (IST)

07:00 pm – 07:30 pm (AEDT)

### BREAK

02:00 pm – 03:00 pm (IST)

07:30 pm – 08:30 pm (AEDT)

— **Ambassador J.S. Deepak**, Former Ambassador of India to the WTO  
*Keynote Address*

## DAY 2: Wednesday, 24 November 2021

08:30 am – 09:30 am (IST)  
02:00 pm – 03:00 pm (AEDT)

— **Ambassador Amit Dasgupta**, University of New South Wales, Former Consul-General in Sydney  
*Keynote Address*

09:30 am – 10:00 am (IST)  
03:00 pm – 03:30 pm (AEDT)

— **BREAK**

10:00 am – 11:00 am (IST)  
03:30 pm – 04:30 pm (AEDT)

— **Peter Varghese**, Chancellor, University of Queensland, Former Secretary (DFAT), Former Australian High Commissioner to India  
*Keynote Address: The future of the Australia India Economic Relationship*

11:00 am – 11:30 am (IST)  
04:30 pm – 05:00 pm (AEDT)

— **BREAK**

### PANEL 1: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY

11:30 am – 01:00 pm (IST)  
05:00 pm – 06:30 pm (AEDT)

— **Moderator: Bryan Mercurio**, Chinese University of Hong Kong

- **Yogesh Pai**, National Law University, Delhi  
*India's Pharma/Biotech IP Ecosystem: Lessons for Australia-India FTA Negotiations and Beyond*
- **Simon Lacey**, University of Adelaide  
*Digital Infrastructure*
- **Andrew Mitchell**, Monash University / **Neha Mishra**, Australian National University  
*Electronic Commerce*

01:00 pm – 01:30 pm (IST)  
06:30 pm – 07:00 pm (AEDT)

— **BREAK**

### PANEL 2: SERVICES AND REGULATORY ASPECTS

01:30 pm – 03:00 pm (IST)  
07:00 pm – 08:30 pm (AEDT)

— **Moderator: Shailja Singh**, IIFT, Min. Com/Indust. India

- **Leila Choukroune**, University of Portsmouth  
*Migration and HR*
- **Andrew Lang**, University of Edinburgh  
*Regulatory Cooperation*
- **RV Anuradha**, Clarus Law Associates, New Delhi  
*Services*
- **Colin Picker**, University of Wollongong / **Weihuan Zhou**, University of New South Wales  
*Tertiary Education Services*