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Trade Talk on "Weaponised Trade: A New Concept for an Increasingly Complex World"



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Prof. Markus Wagner, Professor at the University of Wollongong and Executive Vice-President of the Society of International Economic Law, is a leading international expert on trade and investment law. Prof. Wagner has taught at universities such as the University of Warwick, United Kingdom, and the University of Miami, United States.

Centre for Trade and Investment Law is organising a Trade Talk on "Weaponised Trade: A New Concept for an Increasingly Complex World" by Professor Markus Wagner, School of Law, University of Wollongong. The session is scheduled to be held on 12th December 2023 in Room No. 22, Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi.

About the Session

The international trade regime was a sea of tranquillity for a long time. It was the domain of trade economists and trade lawyers, tucked away at the World Trade Organization (WTO) on the shores of Lake Geneva. The trade regime as it has developed is being undermined by the twin forces of geo-political confrontation and geo-economic fragmentation. Examples of how trade is being utilised as a new battlefield abound are the curtailment or cancellation of energy deliveries by Russia to European countries, the initiation of trade sanctions by China against various products from Australia, and the trade war between China and the United States (US).

Weaponised Trade is the manipulation of existing trade relations to advance geopolitical objectives. This concept has gained traction on account of the twin forces of geo-political confrontation and geo-economic fragmentation. The term 'Weaponised Trade' is progressively used within trade communities to describe trade actions perceived as politically driven, protectionist, illegitimate, or aggressive. It signifies more than just a change in language, representing a reflection of the emerging landscape of geoeconomic confrontations.

SCHEDULE

TIME	PROGRAMME DETAILS
15.00-15:10	Welcome Remarks and Introduction Prof. James J Nedumpara, Professor & Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, IIFT, New Delhi.
15:10:15-20	Keynote Address Shri Peeyush Kumar, Additional Secretary Department of Commerce, Government of India
15:20- 16:30	Trade Talk on “Weaponised Trade: A New Concept for an Increasingly Complex World”
16:30-16:45	Q&A Session
16:45-16:50	Vote of Thanks Ashutosh Kashyap, Research Fellow, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, IIFT, New Delhi
High Tea	