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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GLOBAL ENERGY TRANSITION

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About National Law University Odisha

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The National Law University Odisha (NLUO) was established in 2009 by Act IV of 2008 of the State of Odisha. The University is located in the city of Cuttack, where the seat of Orissa High Court is also situated. The Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court is the Chancellor of the University, and the Chief Justice of India, or their nominee among the Supreme Court Judges, is the Visitor of the University. The University is recognised under Section 12(b) of the UGC Act 1956 and is accredited by NAAC. The University has been consistently ranked high by different ranking agencies. The University offers five-year integrated B.A.LL.B. (Hons.)/B.B.A.LL.B (Hons.) degree programme and a three-year LL.B. programme at the undergraduate level, Master of Laws (LL.M.) and PhD program at the postgraduate level. It also offers B.A. Law programme at the undergraduate level. Within this short span, NLUO has made its mark as a university engaged in quality teaching and research in law. The liberal yet demanding academic culture, coupled with the friendly environment, has ensured that students can harness their full potential and contribute to the area of their choice. National Law University Odisha alumni are spread across the globe among top-tier law firms, blue chip companies, judicial offices, courts, academia, and think tanks.

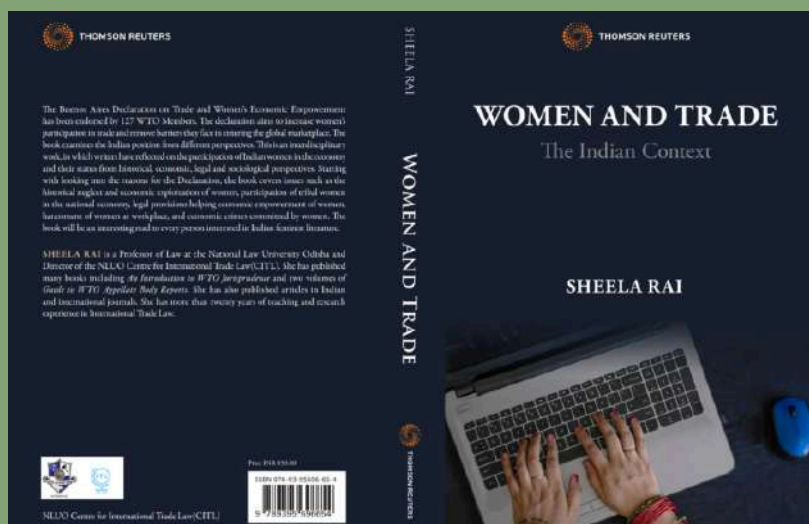
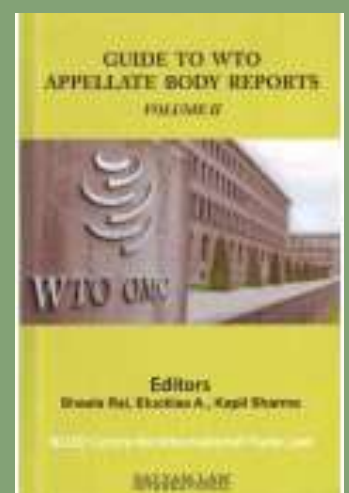
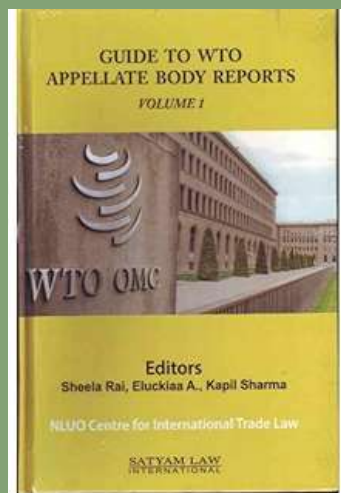
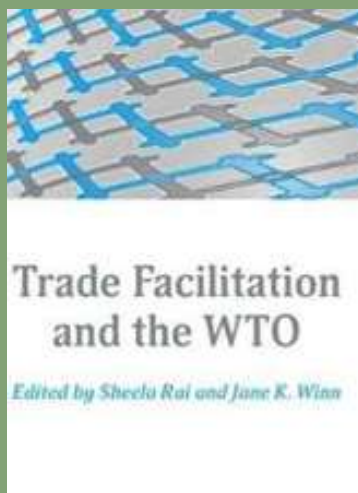
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About NLUO Centre for International Trade Law

NLUO Centre for International Trade Law (CITL) was established in 2015. Since then, the Centre is consistently working on international trade and international investment law. The Centre has published research on current issues relating to trade. In nine years CITL has published 4 books. It is working on edited versions of WTO Appellate Body Reports as *Guide to WTO Appellate Body Reports* which is first of its kind publication. Two volumes have already been published. The Centre is working on the other two volumes which will cover all cases decided by the Appellate Body upto 2018. CITL's latest publication *Women and Trade: The Indian Context* published in 2024. CITL regularly conducts webinars and discussions on important trade policy issues. The upcoming Conference on International Trade and Global Energy Transition is being organized on the occasion of the completion of the successful ten years of the Centre.

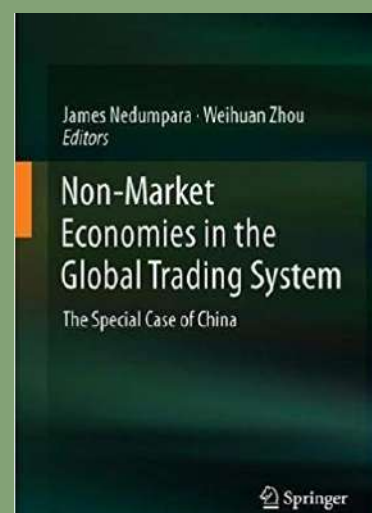
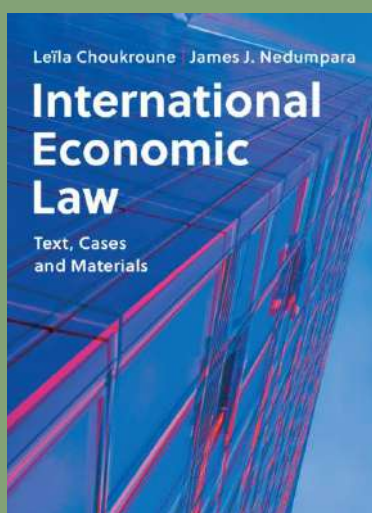
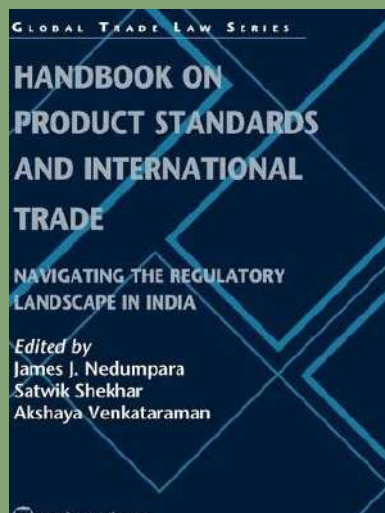
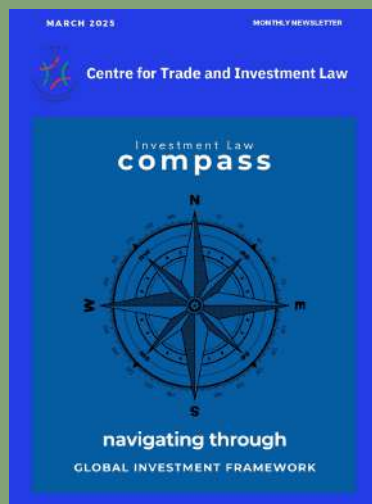
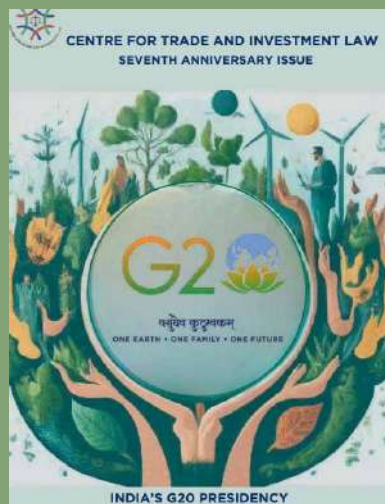
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About Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

Established in 2016 by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), the Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL) provides analysis of trade and investment issues to the Government of India. It has a dedicated team of researchers and analysts who advise the government on important trade and investment policies. In addition to the 'CTIL magazine,' the Centre has started the publication of a magazine 'Investment Law Compass' highlighting important developments in international investment law. Apart from regular publications of discussion papers, the Centre has published important books namely, Handbook on Product Standards and International Trade, International Economic Law: Text, Cases and Materials, and Non-Market Economies in the Global Trading System. The WTO Chairs program was launched in 2010 by the World Trade Organization to foster research, training, and outreach in developing and least-developed countries. It aims to enhance the knowledge and understanding of the multilateral system among academics, policymakers, and civil society. In India, the chair is with the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, and Prof James Nedumpara is the chair holder.

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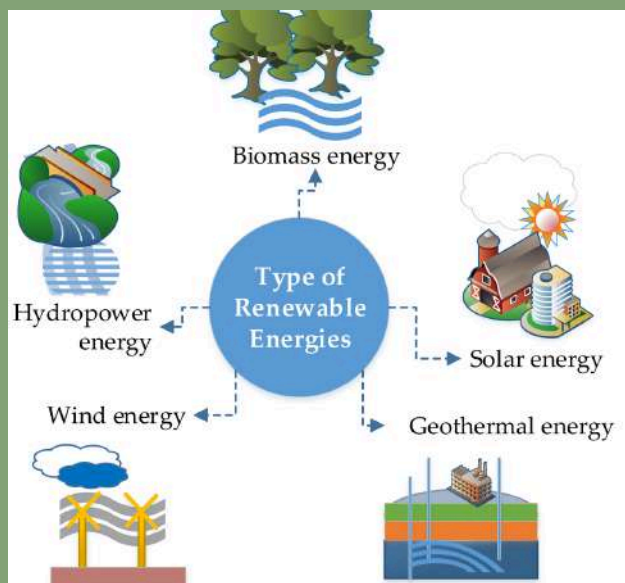


ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The issue of trade and the environment is being discussed since many years. Some writers have stated that increased trade leads to economic development, which in turn increases the capacity of people to care for the environment and spend on environmentally friendly products and services. On the other hand, critics contend that an increase in trade leads to an increase in production, transportation, and consumption, which has a damaging effect on the environment and is responsible for climate change.

The economic basis of liberal trade policy is the idea of comparative advantage. Comparative advantage leads to abundance in production, which encourages increased consumption. Traditionally, the idea of ecological balance is based on self-restraint and consideration for the life and finite resources on the planet Earth. Therefore, theoretically, liberal trade and ecological balance have opposite objectives. That is why conservation policies have been mentioned as an exception to WTO requirements under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS). The challenge, therefore, is to increase compatibility between the two policies.

Consumption of energy resources increases with the increase in trade. The increase in production and transportation results in increased consumption of energy. The world has started a transition towards green energy resources, but fossil fuels are the main source of energy generation. Can trade policies help in the energy transition? The Conference is being organised to discuss this issue.



The WTO norms are not very clear. Generally, WTO norms do not encourage protectionist policies. Decisions of the Dispute Settlement Body in cases such as US-Reformulated Gasoline, India-Solar Cells, and Canada-Feed in Tariff show that the WTO rules do not favour protection, even for the promotion of clean energy. A pertinent issue is whether the development of local industry for clean energy should be seen as a protectionist measure. Do some WTO norms, such as those relating to subsidies, require flexibility for the transition to clean energy? The conference is being organised with the hope of having a fruitful discussion on these and other issues that relate to the transition to clean energy resources with the aid of international trade norms.

THEMES

- International trade and its impact on energy consumption and conservation
- Foreign investment in renewable energy
- Market access to clean energy products and services Technical regulations affecting energy trade and energy transition
- Development of national industry for energy transition and WTO norms
- International treaties on energy and their compatibility with the WTO
- Trade Policy Review Mechanism and Aid for Trade to encourage the use of clean energy in international trade
- The advocacy role of WTO and coordination between WTO, International Energy Agency, World Energy Council, and International Renewable Energy Agency.



GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Original research papers on the conference topic are invited for presentation at the conference. The themes given above are only indicative. Papers may be between 5000–8000 words. Papers are invited from academicians, researchers, environmental activists, policymakers, lawyers, environmental scientists, social scientists, students, and others. All papers presented in the conference may be submitted for publication in the edited volume published after the conference.

1. The abstract must be in English. The word limit for the abstract is 300 words
2. Abstracts should clearly mention the title of the proposed paper, the central idea of the paper and the research method to be applied in brief.
3. All submissions must be original. If you want your submission to be considered for publication in the edited volume of the Centre, kindly ensure that it is not being considered for another publication simultaneously.
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GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING THE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. After abstracts are accepted for the conference, a Google form link will be sent for registration and submission of papers. Papers accepted for the conference may be submitted using the Google form link.
2. The paper must be original and free from plagiarism.
3. It should be in English.
4. The length of the full paper, including tables, diagrams, illustrations, references, etc., should be between 5000 to 8000 words.
5. It should be accompanied by a cover page containing the name of the author(s), affiliation, and contact details.
6. The paper should be in (.doc) or (.docx) format.
7. The font should be Times New Roman 12-point font with 1.5 line spacing.
8. Footnotes should be in Times New Roman 10-point font with single-line spacing.
9. Authors should follow a uniform style of citation throughout the paper. Specific citation style for accepted papers will be communicated later depending on the style of the publisher that will publish the edited volume.

Authors will get about 15 minutes to present their paper. Any number of authors can present the paper at the conference within the same duration.

VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference will be in physical mode at National Law University Odisha, Sector 13 CDA Cuttack, State of Odisha. Cuttack is a beautiful historical city surrounded by the Mahanadi River and its tributary, Kathjodi. Covered with greenery, the city and its nearby areas have had a historical impact on world history. The State was known in ancient times as Kalinga, and the historical Kalinga war was fought at Dhauli, near the main city of Cuttack (36 kilometers from Cuttack), which converted ambitious emperor Ashoka to Buddhism. Emperor Ashoka acquainted the world with Buddhism and its message of peace and harmony. As Will Durrant and Ariel Durrant have stated, this had a significant impact on many later religions, including Christianity. Within 300 kilometers of Cuttack, there are places of historical and natural beauty that visitors may enjoy for relaxation and adventure, in addition to the intellectual stimulation of the conference. At 140 Km from Cuttack is the religious city of Puri with its beautiful beach. Konark Sun temple, famous for its sculpture and representation of the cycle of time, is also nearby. In addition to this, Odisha is known for its handicrafts.

Cuttack is especially famous for silver filigree, which is available at affordable prices.



REGISTRATION FEE

1. After notification for acceptance of abstracts, a link will be shared for registration and submission of the registration fee.
2. Registration fee for Indian authors -Rs. 2000/- If more than one author Rs. 1000/- for each additional author.
3. For participation without paper presentation Rs. 1000/- per person.
4. Registration fee for foreign authors- US \$ 50/ for one author. If more than one author US\$ 25 for each additional author.
5. Tea and lunch at the conference venue are covered by the registration fee.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Last date for submission of abstracts - June 15, 2025
- Notification of acceptance of abstracts - June 30, 2025
- Opening date of registration - April 23, 2025
- Closing date of registration - July 31, 2025
- Last date for submission of paper - August 31, 2025
- Last date for submission of revised paper for publication after receiving feedback in the conference - December 1, 2025
- Date of the conference - September 19-20, 2025

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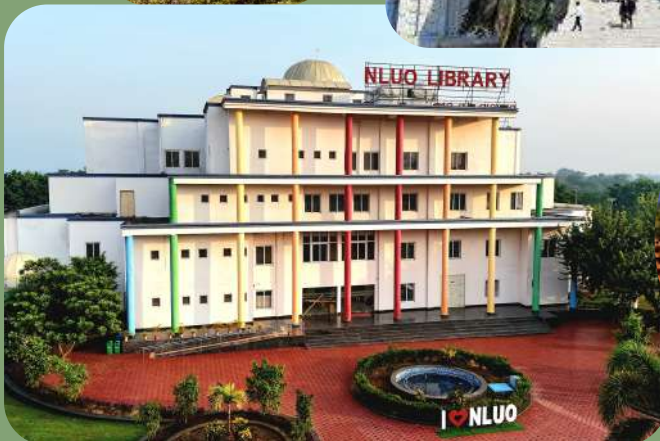
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