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Shailja has undertaken research on several issues relating to the World Trade Organisation (WTO), especially relating to preferential trade agreements and in particular the ongoing EU – India Broad Based Trade and Investment Agreement negotiations. She has provided research assistance on a project to summarize WTO Agreements initiated by a prominent civil society organisation working in the area of international trade. She has also participated as a Rapporteur in a Panel Discussion on negotiating dynamics in the WTO organised by NUJS in 2008. Shailja has also delivered lecture as a resource person for training of government officers on issues under the Right to Information Act, 2005, at the National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics, Kolkata. She has varied experience working with civil society organisations, chambers of lawyers at different levels of the judicial system and prominent law firms in India.

At the Centre for WTO Studies, Shailja has been closely involved in the organisation of Workshop on Countervailing Duty Investigations under WTO's Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures. Her main areas of interest are preferential trade agreements, subsidies and linkage between trade and environment.