

ASSESSING WTO @ 25: THE CWS RESEARCH PAPER WRITING COMPETITION

The Centre for WTO Studies (CWS) is organizing an article writing competition for young researchers in the field of international trade, marking the 25th Anniversary of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). Twenty-five years after the establishment of the WTO, there loom many uncertainties and difficulties in the world of trade. As the world leaps into the new decade that is posed to be replete with new technological developments while still retaining several unresolved issues, it is important to assess how law and economics have addressed and will address these challenges in unstable geopolitics.

We invite submissions of extended abstracts (1500-2000 words) from young researchers based in India in the field of international trade, up to the age of 35 as on the deadline for abstract submission, on topics given below. Authors of accepted abstracts notified thereafter, will be expected to submit full-length, well-researched articles (up to 7000 words). The authors of shortlisted articles will be invited to make a presentation at a seminar organized by CWS, whereby winners will be adjudged.

Submissions are invited on the following topics:

- Future of multilateral trade rules
- Resolving the Appellate Body crisis
- Relevance of Special & Differential Treatment in multilateral trade
- WTO's role in the facilitation of economic development
- Rewriting the Agreement on Agriculture for the 21st Century
- FTAs as blueprints for future multilateral trade rules and negotiations
- Significance of data localisation for developing countries
- Technological neutrality of TRIPs in the context of e-commerce
- Role of TRIPs in stimulating innovation in India
- Novel approaches in IP regime to enhance access to medicines
- Relevance of Non-Agricultural Market Access negotiations today
- Food security and livelihood security under WTO and FTAs
- Designing digital trade rules for developing countries

Important Dates

Extended Abstract Submission: 30th March, 2020

Abstract Acceptance Decision: 22nd April 2020

Full length Paper Submission: 1st August 2020

Conference Dates: October 2020 (Dates to be finalized)

Prizes

1st Position: Rupees Fifty Thousand Only

2nd Position: Rupees Forty Thousand Only

3rd Position: Rupees Thirty Thousand Only

Submission Guidelines:

The extended abstract should be about 1500-2000 words including references. Co-authorship of up to two persons is allowed. The first page should contain the title of the paper, name and contact details of the author(s), with short bio(s). Please make all your submissions to cwssubmissions@iift.edu. All submissions will be blind reviewed.

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