

2026 WTI – CWS JOINT ACADEMY ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW AND ECONOMIC POLICY

June 8 – July 3, 2026

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS & INFORMATION BROCHURE

The World Trade Institute of the University of Bern, Switzerland and the Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, India are pleased to announce the launch of the **2026 WTI – CWS Joint Academy on International Trade Law and Economic Policy (“Joint Academy”)**, which will take place in **New Delhi** from **08 June to 03 July 2026**. Since its inception in 2014, the Joint Academy has provided law students and legal professionals in India a rare opportunity to deepen their knowledge on aspects of International Trade Law and Policy. The 2024 edition of the joint Academy extended extend this exceptional opportunity to students and professionals in the field of economics. The **Joint Academy (Law)** is designed to span a comprehensive 4-week duration, while the **Joint Academy (Economics)** will span over a period of 2 weeks. Taught by distinguished academics and practitioners from India and abroad, the Joint Academy will equip participants with theoretical and practical insights into various issues relating to international trade law and policy.

ABOUT THE XII EDITION (June 2026)

Mode:

Physical (at the Centre for WTO Studies, NAFED House, New Delhi)

Modules:

Joint Academy (Law)

June 8 – July 3, 2026

Week 1 - Essential of WTO Law and Policy; Introduction to Economics of Trade, Global Services Trade

Week 2 - Trade in Services; Trade and IPR; Trade and Sustainability

Week 3 – Trade and Security, SPS and TBT; Investment Law

Week 4 - The Law and Policy of Trade Remedies; Agreement on Agriculture; Digital Trade

Joint Academy (Economics)

June 8 – June 19, 2026

Week 1 – Essential of WTO Law and Policy; Introduction to Economics of Trade, Global Services Trade

Week 2 – Trade in Services; Preferential Trade Agreements; Trade and Environment; Trade and Security

WHO CAN APPLY

- All students enrolled in any law or economics course in India, either at the undergraduate or postgraduate level. Preference will be given to students who have prior exposure to issues relating to International Trade Law and Economic Policy.
- The Joint Academy is also open to Indian professionals in the field of law and economics who can attend specific modules in a flexible, “à la carte” manner. *This option is not available for students.*
- The maximum number of participants that will be selected for the Joint Academy is 30 (thirty). *Past participants are kindly requested not to re-apply.*
- Selection of candidates is at the final discretion of the Centre.

HOW TO APPLY

- Interested candidates are required to complete the Application Form for the Joint Academy and send the same, along with their updated CV, to jointacademy@iift.edu
- The application form in MS Word can be downloaded from here: <http://wtocentre.iift.ac.in>
Paper applications will not be accepted.

FEES STRUCTURE

Joint Academy (Law)

For Law Students: **INR 12,000/-** (For the whole duration of the Joint Academy)

For Legal Professionals: **INR 30,000/-** (For the whole duration of the Joint Academy)

INR 8,000/- per week (For applicants applying for specific modules)

Joint Academy (Economics)

For Economics Students: **INR 6,000/-** (For the whole duration of the Joint Academy)

For Economics Professionals: **INR 15,000/-** (For the whole duration of the Joint Academy)

INR 8,000/- per week (For applicants applying for specific modules)

FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP

With the objective of attracting the best participation from law schools, the CWS provides a refund of course fees for law students who meet the minimum attendance criteria of 80% per week **and** attain the minimum pass percentage of 60% in each module in the Final Evaluation.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for submission of applications:	Saturday, 25 April 2026
Communication of selection:	Sunday, 3 May 2026
Last date for submission of fee	Sunday, 10 May 2026
Last date to withdraw application:	Sunday, 17 May 2026
Commencement of course:	Monday, 08 June 2026
Conclusion of course:	Friday, 03 July 2026 (for law) Friday, 19 June 2026 (for economics)

CANCELLATION POLICY

A candidate who has been accepted for the Joint Academy and has made payment in furtherance thereof may withdraw subsequently. However, such withdrawals can be made no later than 17 May 2026 and are subject to a deduction of 50% of the fees paid. No cancellations and refunds will be entertained after 17 May 2026.

ATTENDANCE AND FINAL EVALUATION

Classes are held typically 5 days a week, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Timings may differ for some modules). Participants are required to attend **all classes**. The minimum attendance requirement is 80% per week.

For evaluation, an examination will be conducted. Details about the mode of examination shall be communicated to selected participants.

ABOUT THE WORLD TRADE INSTITUTE

The World Trade Institute (WTI) is a centre of excellence of the University of Bern and the Faculty of Law. It is one of the world's leading academic institutions dedicated to the regulation of international trade. The WTI transcends boundaries. It fuses law, economics and international relations in interdisciplinary research, training, advisory work and technical assistance in Switzerland and abroad. The WTI was the first, and is the most experienced institution in the world offering a specialized postgraduate degree in the law and economics of international trade regulation, through its flagship Master of International Law and Economics (MILE) programme. The WTI also runs a five-week Summer Academy in Bern on issues relating to investment and trade regulation. Additionally, it also jointly organizes an annual Summer Programme on International Intellectual Property, with the Law Faculty of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, at Hong Kong.

ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR WTO STUDIES

The Centre for WTO Studies (Centre) was setup in 1999 by the Department of Commerce, Government of India, to serve as a permanent repository of WTO negotiations-related knowledge and documentation. The Centre has since evolved as an independent think-tank and knowledge centre with focus on trade in general, and the WTO in particular. The Centre has been a part of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade since November 2002. The activities undertaken by the Centre seek to achieve three broad objectives:

- To assist India's trade negotiators and policy makers in participating effectively in the WTO and at the related multilateral trade negotiations;
- To enhance the understanding of key trade issues among stakeholders through outreach and dissemination activities; and
- To develop capacities within India and in other developing countries for analysing WTO and other trade-related issues through training programmes.

CONTACT US

- For updates about the Joint Academy, kindly visit the Centre's website at <http://wtocentre.iift.ac.in>
- In case of any queries, feel free to email us at jointacademy@iift.edu
- Visit us here: [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#)

TESTIMONIALS

The benefits I derived from the Academy are umpteen - learning with the best professors in the discipline, getting to know people working in the field of trade law and gaining knowledge about the kind of opportunities out there being a few. The course is strongly recommended for anyone interested in Trade Law or International Economic Law.

- Vatsal Vasudev from 1st Joint Academy. He is a Dispute Settlement Lawyer in the Rules Division, WTO.

The Joint Academy is a one-of-its-kind summer school organised in India. The best part about the academy was learning international trade from resource persons who are practitioners in their field, I missed this when I studied international trade in college. The summer school remains one of my best academic experiences so far and I would recommend it highly to anyone who wants to pursue their interests in international trade law.

- Devika Agarwal from 3rd Joint Academy. She is a PhD candidate at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

The CWS-WTI Joint Academy is the perfect set up for anyone who is interested in understanding the intricacies and complex issues that confront countries in the field of international trade and investment laws. The resource persons are world renowned, and learning from them is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The Joint Academy has fuelled my interest in international trade and investment laws and remains the best academic experience of law school

- Isha Das from 4th Joint Academy. She is an Assistant Lecturer with Doctoral candidate, Teaching and Research Assistant at Universität Passau.