

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

June 8 – July 3, 2026 | New Delhi, India

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 **XII Edition** of the **WTI – CWS Joint Academy on International Trade Law and Economic Policy** (“Joint Academy”), from **June 08 – July 03, 2026** in New Delhi. 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 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.

The tentative list of resource persons for the 2026 edition of the Joint Academy is as follows:

- Prof. Isabelle Van Damme (World Trade Institute)
- Prof. Peter Van den Bossche (Former Member of the WTO Appellate Body)
- Prof. Werner Zdouc (Former Director of the WTO Appellate Body Secretariat)
- Prof. Pierre Sauve (World Bank)
- Mr. Abhijit Das (Independent Trade Policy and WTO Expert)
- Prof. Em. Thomas Cottier (World Trade Institute)
- Prof. Anirudh Shingal (SPJIMR)
- Ms. Vicky Chemutai (World Bank)
- Prof. Prabhash Ranjan (O.P. Jindal Global University)
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- Prof. James Nedumpara (Centre for Trade and Investment Laws)
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- Dr. Edwin Vermulst (VVGB Advocaten)
- Prof. Shailja Singh (O.P. Jindal Global University)
- Prof. Mukesh Bhatnagar (Former Professor, Centre for WTO Studies)

PARTICULARS FOR THE 2026 EDITION OF THE JOINT ACADEMY

Mode: Physical (New Delhi)

Modules:

Joint Academy (Law)

June 8 – July 3, 2026 (Four Weeks)

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

Week 2 – Trade in Services; SPS & TBT; Trade & Security

Week 3 – Trade & Sustainability; Trade & IPR; Investment Law

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

Joint Academy (Economics)

June 8 – June 19, 2026 (Two Weeks)

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

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