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cordially invite you to the

Book Launch of

# 'WTO and Digital Trade'

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and

Panel Discussion

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This event marks the formal launch of the book "WTO and Digital Trade". The event provides a platform for a distinguished gathering of academicians, policymakers, legal practitioners, and subject-matter experts. Additionally, the launch will be followed by constructive discussions on the future of digital trade, with a special emphasis on the evolving nature of the WTO and its implications for global economic governance. This platform acts as a medium for knowledge exchange and examination of the challenges and opportunities presented by the digital economy in the multilateral trading system. The event shall also explore issues such as regulatory adaptability, the balance between innovation and protection, and international cooperation in shaping digital trade policies. The objective of this event is to contribute to policymaking and scholarly discourse by indulging in meaningful discussions with the stakeholders from different fields, including academia, government, and industry.





The book on "WTO and Digital Trade" explores the evolving relationship between the laws applicable to international trade and the rapidly changing digital economy. The World Trade Organisation faces major challenges in formulating laws which regulate digital platforms, cross-border data flows, and global markets, as every member has a different set of expectations from such laws. This book critically analyses the applicability of the existing WTO frameworks to digital trade and the underlying loopholes in the mechanism. It also examines key themes such as the application of GATS to digital trade, treatment of digitally delivered goods and services, and the complexities of applying anti-dumping measures to digital products. Further, it delves into the role of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and the concerns related to data privacy, thereby highlighting issues of cross-border data flows, intellectual property rights and the implications of digital trade. This book contributes to the existing literature and the policymaking process, as addressing these emerging challenges and opportunities becomes essential for the scholars, legal practitioners, and policymakers to formulate laws regulating this field.

### Esteemed Panelists of the Book Discussion



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Registration Form



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