



Orientation Course on Trade Negotiations

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Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi

28-30 September 2026 (Monday to Wednesday)

Venue: Nalanda Hall, IIFT Bhawan, B-21, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi

Draft Programme Schedule

Day 1 Monday, 28 September, 2026		
0930-1000 hrs	<i>Registration</i>	
1000-1030 hrs	Inaugural Session Welcome Remarks Special Address Vote of Thanks	Dr. James J. Nedumpara Professor & Head, CTIL, Additional charge: Professor & Head CWS Dr. K. Rangarajan Vice Chancellor, IIFT Dr. Murali Kallummal Professor, CWS & Head Admin, CRIT
1030-1045 hrs	<i>Group Photograph</i>	
1045-1130 hrs	<i>High-tea</i>	
1130-1300 hrs	Session 1 Emerging World Trade Scenario: Challenges & Opportunities and Introduction to Basic Concepts of Trade Theory	Dr. Pritam Banerjee Former Head & Professor, CWS
1300-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1400-1530 hrs	Session 2 Introduction to WTO	Dr. Harsha Vardhana Singh Senior Fellow PIC & Former DDG, WTO
1530-1600	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1600-1730 hrs	Session 3 Panel Discussion on WTO issues	Shri Amitabh Kumar Additional Secretary, DoC Mr. Abhijit Das

		<i>International Trade Policy and WTO Expert</i> Dr. Atul Kaushik <i>Additional Secretary (Retd.), GoI</i> Mr. Satwik Shekhar <i>Legal Consultant, CTIL</i> Moderator: Dr. James J. Nedumpara <i>Professor & Head, CTIL</i>
Day 2 Tuesday, 29 September, 2026		
1000-1115 hrs	Session 4 Labour/Environment/Sustainability and Trade	Dr. Murali Kallummal <i>Professor, CWS & Head Admin, CRIT</i> Ms. Shiny Pradeep <i>Assistant Professor, CTIL</i>
1115-1145 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1145-1315 hrs	Session 5 Legal Analysis & Treaty Interpretation of Trade Agreements	Dr. James J. Nedumpara <i>Professor & Head, CTIL</i>
1315-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1400-1530 hrs	Session 6 Trade Analysis/Trade Databases	Dr. Pritam Banerjee <i>Former Head & Professor, CWS</i> Mr. Saptarshee Mandal <i>Young Professional, CWS</i>
1530-1600 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1600-1730 hrs (IST)	Session 7 Dispute Settlement	Professor Werner Zdouc <i>Former Director, WTO Appellate Body Secretariat [joining virtually]</i> Ms. Sparsha Janardhan <i>Consultant, CTIL</i>
Day 3 Wednesday, 30 September, 2026 <i>(For day 3 participants will be joining their separate tracks details as below)</i>		
Track I		
1000-1115 hrs	Session 8 Trade Remedies	Prof. Mukesh Bhatnagar <i>Former Professor, CWS</i>
1115-1145 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1145-1315 hrs	Session 9 Rules of Origin	Ms. Brahmleen Kaur Dua <i>Sr. Research Fellow, CWS</i> Mr. Ridhish Rajvanshi <i>Sr. Research Fellow, CTIL</i>
1315-1415 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1415-1545 hrs	Session 10 NTMs	Dr. Murali Kallummal <i>Professor, CWS & Head Admin, CRIT</i> Mr. Satwik Shekhar , <i>Legal Consultant, CTIL</i>
Track II		
1000-1115 hrs	Session 11 IPR	Ms. Pallavi Arora <i>Consultant (Legal), CWS</i>

1115:1145 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1145-1315 hrs	<i>Session 12 Digital</i>	Dr. Pralok Gupta <i>Professor, CWS</i>
1315:1415 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1415-1545 hrs	<i>Session 13 Services</i>	Dr. Pralok Gupta <i>Professor, CWS</i>
1545-1630 hrs	<i>Valedictory Session</i> <i>Valedictory address</i> <i>Keynote address</i> <i>Vote of thanks</i> <i>Distribution of Certificates</i>	Dr. James J. Nedumpara <i>Professor & Head, CTIL</i> <i>Additional charge:</i> <i>Professor & Head CWS</i> Dr. K. Rangarajan <i>Vice Chancellor, IIFT</i> Dr. Murali Kallummal <i>Professor, CWS & Head Admin, CRIT</i>
1630 hrs	High-Tea	
