



NATIONAL SEMINAR

“Trade Negotiations under WTO: Issues before Developing World”

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Organized by:

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

SHYAM LAL COLLEGE

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CALL FOR PAPER

The regulations and practices governing global trade have been contentious from the very advent and expansion of modern capitalism around the globe. Bitter historical experiences of the imposition of colonial free trade policies pursued by most developed countries have made developing countries always suspicious of slogan of free trade. The uneven influence of developed countries and their lobbying in the WTO has been able to protect the core interest of developed countries (Global North) and has marginalised the interests of developing countries (Global South) in pursuit of free trade. This undue influence of global north in setting the rule of global trade regime favourable to their geo-political interest has curtailed the space to pursue independent development policies in developing and under developing countries, thereby adversely impacting interest of larger number of poor and marginalised living in these countries. Further, emergence of multiple Bilateral and Plurilateral trade agreements (NAFTA, MERCOSUR, SAFTA) among various countries, regions and the strong emergence of MNCs where the bargaining power of developing countries are severely curtailed, the academicians and researchers have started questioning the relevance of WTO as forum to promote rules and governance for free trade. Similarly the rising popularity of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) only shows the future of multilateral trade agreement is filled with uncertainty.

Contrary to its claim of addressing the issue of least developed countries, the recent tenth ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) at Nairobi failed to reach agreement on the important developmental issues which can adequately address the concerns of provision of food security, public health, protection of poor farmers, reduction of poverty and non tariff barriers (NTB). The asymmetric treatment of agricultural subsidies from developed countries and the imposition of multiple non tariff barriers to developing countries' exports have not been eliminated. Also, the lack of consensus in reaffirming Doha Development Agenda (DDA) in Nairobi makes developing countries sceptical about the assertion of developmental agendas in further trade negotiations under the WTO. In this background, our College is organising national seminar on "**Trade Negotiations under WTO: Issues before Developing World**" which is the contextual need of the hour. Objectives of the seminar are as follows:

- a) This conference intends to discuss and deliberate upon various types of challenges and opportunities faced by developing countries under the current multilateral trade regime under the aegis of WTO.
- b) Explore the possibility of strengthening the voice of developing countries in the future trade negotiations.
- c) To analyse and discuss the future and relevance of multilateral trade negotiations in view of recent emergence of bilateral trade agreements.
- d) Evaluate the impact of trade negotiations on addressing major developmental challenges of food security, public health, environment sustainability and access to education.
- e) To examine the impact of GATS on maintain financial stability in developing countries.

CONFERENCE THEME

We welcome research papers on the following sub-themes. The following list of sub themes is indicative but not restrictive

- I. FUTURE OF DOHA DEVELOPMENT ROUND
- II. TRADE AND FOOD SECURITY
- III. NON -TARIFF BARRIERS(NTBS) FACED BY EXPORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
- IV. FINANCIAL SERVICES LIBERALISATION AND FINANCIAL STABILITY CONCERNS
- V. POLITICAL ECONOMY OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
- VI. EMERGENCE OF RTAS/BTAS AND RELEVANCE OF MULTILATERALISM IN WTO
- VII. INTERNATIONAL PATENT REGIME AND PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS
- VIII. ASYMMETRIC TREATMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
- IX. GATS AND ITS IMPLICATION ON ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR POOR
- X. TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Research Papers/Conceptual Papers should be submitted at sanjeev0144@yahoo.com/bharatgarg@ymail.com in docxformat with the main track(listed above) mentioned in the subject line. The paper should be typed in MS Word format and printed in double space, Times New Roman font and font size 12 (English) and Kurti-Dev 10 and font size 14 (Hindi). The title page of the papers should give the full name of the author(s), affiliation, telephone/ fax number and the e-mail address.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Research Paper Abstracts Submission Last Date **15th March, 2016**
- Abstracts Acceptance Notification **20th March, 2016**
- Research Paper Final Submission Date **27th March, 2016**

REGISTRATION FEE

	Early Bird	Late /On- spot registration
Students/Research Scholars:	Rs. 500	Rs. 700
Faculty members/Teachers/Others:	Rs. 1000	Rs. 1200

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ACCOMMODATION

We are in the process of finalizing accommodation of some rooms in the university Guest House for the invited speakers. Participants are expected to bear their travel and accommodation cost.

VENUE & DATE

4th -5th April,2016,
Auditorium , ILL(CPDHE), University of Delhi
(Near Viswavidhyalaya Metro Station)

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