

Graduate Student Work-in-Progress Colloquium:
Reforming International Trade Law
May 24, 2023, University of Ottawa

The World Trade Organization (WTO) was established to promote international trade and facilitate the flow of goods and services between countries. However, recent developments in international trade have raised questions about the effectiveness and relevance of the WTO in today's global economy. From the Appellate Body blockage to geopolitical rivalries, the list of challenges facing the global trading system is long.

This Graduate Student Work-in-Progress Colloquium will provide young scholars with a platform to reflect on and discuss reform ideas to address these current challenges. We invite master and PhD students who are interested in presenting to submit an **extended abstract of up to 500 words**. We are seeking contributions that explore various issues related to WTO reform. Possible submission topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Alternatives for the multilateral settlement of trade disputes
- The future of multilateralism in international trade
- The challenges of developing countries in the WTO system
- The role of environmental and labor standards in international trade agreements
- The impact of digitalization on international trade

Successful submissions will be invited to present a full paper in Ottawa in the afternoon of May 24th. Each presentation will benefit from comments by eminent WTO experts.

The deadline for abstracts is April 30th.

Abstracts should be sent to Wolfgang.alschner@uottawa.ca with the subject "Work-in-progress Colloquium." Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by May 1st. Accepted participant will have the opportunity to take part in the expert Symposium on "Rethinking WTO Dispute Settlement" on May 25th and 26th.

A small budget is available to support travel to the conference.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and engaging in a fruitful discussion on the future of international trade law.