

Dispute Settlement and Reform in the WTO

Institutional Change in a Shifting Global Trade Landscape

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This fireside chat will examine the evolution of dispute settlement and institutional reform within the World Trade Organization, against the backdrop of broader transformations in the global trade landscape. Drawing on practical experience and scholarly analysis of international organizations, the discussion will explore how international organizations adapt to political, economic and systemic pressures, and what this means for the future of multilateral organizations and governance at large. The event will conclude with a networking tea reception.

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SPEAKER'S PROFILE



Gabrielle Marceau is a recently retired Senior Counsellor in the Research Division of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Secretariat and Honorary Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva. She joined the GATT/WTO Secretariat in 1994 and, over more than thirty years, served in a number of legal roles, including Counsellor in the Legal Affairs Division, Legal Advisor in the Cabinet of Director-General Pascal Lamy, Acting Director and Officer in Charge of the Legal Affairs Division, and Senior Counsellor in the Economic Research and Statistics Division. From 2004 to 2025 she was Associate Professor at the University of Geneva, and she has also served as President of the Society of International Economic Law. Professor Marceau has been a visiting professor at several universities around the world and has published extensively on WTO law and international economic law.

MODERATORS' PROFILES



Mahdev Mohan is of Counsel in the Singapore office, specializing in technology law and international dispute management. He heads the firm's Technology & Start-up Law and International Law & Dispute Management practices, having previously worked in technology MNCs such as Google LLC; and alongside Senior Counsels in leading firms to represent MNC and HNW clients in international commercial, and financial services disputes. Mahdev and team advise and represent clients on technology contracts, data privacy, regulatory compliance, licensing requirements; and dispute management, including for MAS and other investigations. He is concurrently an Associate Tenant with Temple Garden Chambers in London. A graduate of the NUS Law School, he completed his Master's at Stanford Law on a Fulbright Scholarship and has been a legal academic at SMU.



Danielle Yeow is an Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for International Law (CIL), National University of Singapore (NUS) where she focuses on cyber law and governance as well as climate change law and policy issues. She is also an Adjunct Associate Professor in the MSc (Environmental Management Programme) at the Faculty of Law, NUS. Danielle has extensive experience as an international lawyer, including as a legal advisor at Singapore Attorney-General's Chambers. Her expertise and research interest span across all public international law, with particular emphasis on environment and climate change, trade and investment and international security issues. Danielle is a member of the panel of arbitrators (UK-Singapore FTA), the International Law Association (ILA) Business and Human Rights Committee and a former member of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee. She previously served as the Deputy Director-General of the International Affairs Division of the Singapore Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore and Deputy Chief Executive of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore.

DISCUSSANT'S PROFILE



Shilin Huang is a seasoned arbitration and litigation specialist at Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP. Admitted to practice in Taiwan and in Singapore as a foreign lawyer, he has practiced since 1992 and focuses on international arbitration, complex litigation, and cross border disputes. Early in his career, the Supreme Court of Taiwan selected two of his legal opinions for publication in the Judicial Yuan Gazette—an exceptional distinction seldom conferred on younger practitioners—underscoring his early and enduring influence on Taiwan’s jurisprudence. Civil law trained, he spent a substantial period with U.S.- and Singapore based firms, developing deep familiarity with common law practice. His exposure to jurisdictions with diverse cultural backgrounds and legal traditions underpins a dynamic, open minded approach to resolving disputes that span mixed legal systems.

Before beginning to accept appointments as an arbitrator in 2024, Shilin regularly acted as counsel in both ad hoc and institutional arbitrations, including proceedings administered by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), the Chinese Arbitration Association (CAA), and the Milan Arbitration Chamber (CAM), as well as in ad hoc arbitrations. He has been appointed as a co arbitrator in arbitrations administered by the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA) and SIAC, and has received multiple nominations in ICC arbitrations. He now frequently serves as both co arbitrator and presiding arbitrator in institutional arbitrations and is a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and the CAA Court of Arbitration.

Shilin also serves on a subgroup of the IBA International Arbitration Committee’s drafting committee developing Guidelines on Privilege, a project aimed at harmonizing common law privilege with civil law secrecy obligations in international arbitration. He is frequently invited to speak at international arbitration seminars and training programs, including IBA Arbitration Day, Paris Arbitration Week, and ICC training courses. He has also served as an expert witness on Taiwanese law in an ICC arbitration seated in Paris.

Shilin has deep sectoral expertise in technology related disputes, particularly in the semiconductor, software, and industrial chemicals industries. He also specializes in environmental law and has served as lead counsel in mass toxic tort disputes for over a decade, advising clients on soil and underwater cleanup proceedings. He has served as a consultant to the Taiwan Printed Circuit Association (TPCA) for over a decade, advising on legal and regulatory matters affecting the printed circuit industry.