



AUSTRALIA-INDIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT CONFERENCE



23 – 24 NOVEMBER 2021

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Transnational Law and Policy Centre, University of Wollongong, Australia
Centre for India Australia Studies, O.P. Jindal Global University, India
Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, India
Asia Pacific Research Centre, University of Newcastle, Australia
South Asia International Economic Law Network, New Delhi

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2021

08:00 am – 08:10 am (IST)

01:30 pm – 01:40 pm (AEDT)

INTRODUCTION

— **Colin Picker**, University of Wollongong & **James Nedumpara**, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade/Jindal Global Law School

PANEL 1: CONCEPTUALIZING THE AUSTRALIA – INDIA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

08:10 am – 09:30 am (IST)

01:40 pm – 03:00 pm (AEDT)

— **Moderator: Lisa Toohy**, University of Newcastle

- **Ambassador V S Sehsadri**, Former Ambassador of India to Myanmar
Boosting Australia-India Economic Relations
- **Nikhil Damodaran**, O. P. Jindal Global University
Australia/India Trade via Basic Trade Theory
- **Heng Wang**, University of New South Wales
The Breadth, Depth and Strength of an Australia-India Trade Agreement
- **Sumanta Chaudhuri**, India Gov't, ret.
Structure and Negotiating Issues for Services

09:30 am – 10:00 am (IST)

03:00 pm – 03:30 pm (AEDT)

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PANEL 2: EMERGING ISSUES

10:00 am – 11:30 am (IST)

03:30 pm – 05:00 pm (AEDT)

— **Moderator: Ram Upendra Das**, CRT, Dept. Com., India

- **Bradly Condon**, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo De México
Climate Change Considerations for Australia-India RTA
- **Amrita Bahri**, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo De México
Gender Mainstreaming Strategy for the Negotiations
- **Pallavi Kishore**, O.P. Jindal Global University
A Critical Analysis of the Interaction between Trade and Gender Issues
- **James Nedumpara**, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade/Jindal Global Law School & **Markus Wagner**, University of Wollongong
A Future Agriculture Chapter in a Future AUS – India Trade Agreement

11:30 am – 12:00 pm (IST)

05:00 pm – 05:30 pm (AEDT)

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PANEL 3: INVESTMENT RULES

12:00 pm – 01:30 pm (IST)

05:30 pm – 07:00 pm (AEDT)

— **Moderator: Tania Voon**, University of Melbourne

- **Luke Nottage**, University of Sydney
Mandatory Investor-State Conciliation Before Arbitration in Asia-Pacific Treaties: New Developments and Implications for India and Australia
- **Prabhash Ranjan**, O. P. Jindal Global University
Comparing the Indian and Australian Approaches on Investment Protection
- **Rajesh Sharma**, RMIT University
Possible Dispute Resolution Mechanism in Australia-India FTA
- **Elizabeth Sheargold**, University of Wollongong
Exceptions/Other Protections for Regulatory Autonomy in Investment Law

01:30 pm – 02:00 pm (IST)

07:00 pm – 07:30 pm (AEDT)

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02:00 pm – 03:00 pm (IST)

07:30 pm – 08:30 pm (AEDT)

— **Ambassador J.S. Deepak**, Former Ambassador of India to the WTO
Keynote Address

DAY 2: Wednesday, 24 November 2021

08:30 am – 09:30 am (IST)
02:00 pm – 03:00 pm (AEDT)

— **Ambassador Amit Dasgupta**, University of New South Wales, Former Consul-General in Sydney
Keynote Address

09:30 am – 10:00 am (IST)
03:00 pm – 03:30 pm (AEDT)

— **BREAK**

10:00 am – 11:00 am (IST)
03:30 pm – 04:30 pm (AEDT)

— **Peter Varghese**, Chancellor, University of Queensland, Former Secretary (DFAT), Former Australian High Commissioner to India
Keynote Address: The future of the Australia India Economic Relationship

11:00 am – 11:30 am (IST)
04:30 pm – 05:00 pm (AEDT)

— **BREAK**

PANEL 1: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY

11:30 am – 01:00 pm (IST)
05:00 pm – 06:30 pm (AEDT)

— **Moderator: Bryan Mercurio**, Chinese University of Hong Kong

- **Yogesh Pai**, National Law University, Delhi
India's Pharma/Biotech IP Ecosystem: Lessons for Australia-India FTA Negotiations and Beyond
- **Simon Lacey**, University of Adelaide
Digital Infrastructure
- **Andrew Mitchell**, Monash University / **Neha Mishra**, Australian National University
Electronic Commerce

01:00 pm – 01:30 pm (IST)
06:30 pm – 07:00 pm (AEDT)

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PANEL 2: SERVICES AND REGULATORY ASPECTS

01:30 pm – 03:00 pm (IST)
07:00 pm – 08:30 pm (AEDT)

— **Moderator: Shailja Singh**, IIFT, Min. Com/Indust. India

- **Leila Choukroune**, University of Portsmouth
Migration and HR
- **Andrew Lang**, University of Edinburgh
Regulatory Cooperation
- **RV Anuradha**, Clarus Law Associates, New Delhi
Services
- **Colin Picker**, University of Wollongong / **Weihuan Zhou**, University of New South Wales
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