



## *Virtual Trade Talk on*

# **The Future of Multilateral Trade Governance and the Role of the WTO**

The World Trade Organisation (WTO) has a profound role in the governance of international trade and has been a cornerstone of the rules-based multilateral trading system since 1995. Yet, at present, it faces numerous challenges, including the erosion of MFN, rising nationalism and weak dispute settlement. Essentially, multilateralism is unraveling at the very moment when global cooperation is expected to best address the ongoing crisis in geopolitics and geoeconomics. In this context, the theme of the trade talk – The Future of Multilateral Trade Governance and the Role of WTO – assumes great importance.

Against the backdrop of the recent Ministerial Conference, the trade talk will examine the intricacies of how the WTO can serve as a functional system to its Membership that delivers just and fair outcomes.

## **Shri Amitabh Kumar**

*Guest of Honor*

*Additional Secretary,  
Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India*



## **Professor Mark Wu**

*Keynote Speaker*

*Henry L. Stimson Professor of Law,  
Faculty Co-Director, Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society,  
Harvard Law School  
Former Senior Advisor to the United States Trade Representative (USTR)*

## **Prof. Dr. James J. Nedumpara**

*Moderator*

*Professor and Head  
Centre for Trade and Investment Law,  
Indian Institute of Foreign Trade*



The event is scheduled to take place virtually on 27th April, 2026, 05:00 PM  
IST/07:30 AM EDT onwards

Those interested in attending are requested to register through Google Form