

India, China and Turbulence in International Trade Law and Policy

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Not since the signing of GATT on 30 October, 1947 and birth of the WTO on 1 January 1995 has the world trading community experienced such cataclysmic events in international trade law and policy as it has since the November 2016 election of Donald Trump to the American Presidency.

Brought to you by the New Zealand Centre for Law and Business, the Legal Research Foundation and Chapman Tripp, this lecture will address the most important recent developments in international trade law and policy, with special attention to the two most important rising powers in the world trading system, India and China, and the vital nexus among trade, economic development, and national security.

What is the future of the WTO? What major trade remedy (antidumping and countervailing duty) actions are being brought, why, and with what results? What are the prospects for mega-regional deals? Is there anything left of the TPP? What are the prospects for agreements on new trade issues, such as currency manipulation, labour and the environment, electronic commerce, fishing subsidies, and TRIPs Plus IP protection? What risks and opportunities are there for New Zealand amidst the turbulence?



Raj practiced at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, where he twice won the President’s Award for Excellence, thanks to his service as a delegate to the United Nations Conference on International Trade Law.

A Harvard Law School graduate, he completed Masters degrees at LSE and Oxford as a Marshall Scholar, and an undergraduate degree at Duke as an Angier B. Duke Scholar.

Raj is author of a leading textbook in international trade law, the first treatise on GATT in nearly 50 years, and a new book on TPP, is the first non-Muslim American scholar to write a textbook on Islamic Law, and writes the “On Point” monthly column for BloombergQuint (India).

He is on his fourth trip to New Zealand, a country he dearly loves.

Date: Thursday, 1 June 2017

Venue: Chapman Tripp, Level 35,
ANZ Tower, 23 Albert Street

Time: 7.30am – 9.00am (a light breakfast will be served)

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