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Prospects for Global Trade

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Description

Offers a comprehensive analysis of the challenges that developing countries need to overcome in order to make meaningful gains from participating in global trade.

‘A significant contribution to the debate on trade and development, and the role of the WTO.’

—*Piet Eeckhout, Director of the Centre of European Law, Kings College London*

The WTO and its Development Obligation: Prospects for Global Trade presents a sound argument in favour of the WTO adhering to its long-standing development obligation. Ezeani goes further than merely highlighting the problems of developing country integration, and also provides a comprehensive analysis of the underlying factors that are preventing developing countries from making meaningful gains through participation in global trade. She assesses the effectiveness of current ‘development-based’ programmes of the WTO as well as the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), and stresses the importance for developing countries of recognising the potential benefits of global trade. Beginning with the origins of organised global trade and concluding with pragmatic solutions centred on both developing country and WTO action, Ezeani delves deep to challenge the application of the early economic theory of comparative advantage, and the interpretation of development by the WTO, in the contemporary global trade environment.

Readership: Students and scholars interested in development and the WTO, and who wish to gain a wider appreciation of the impact of global trade and the rules-based system on development.

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