



GNLU-CTIL TRADELAB CLINIC FALL 2022

GNLU-CTIL TradeLab Clinic is a joint initiative of the Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, and Gujarat National Law University. The TradeLab Clinic allows students to work on contemporary real-life issues of International Trade Law and gain clinical legal education benefits.

Students from GNLU are chosen every semester to participate in GNLU-CTIL TradeLab clinics as student researchers.



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ABOUT TRADELAB

TradeLab is a Geneva-based initiative that brings together students, academics, and legal practitioners to empower stakeholders to avail the benefits of research in international trade law and international investment law.

TradeLab operations function on a hub-and-spoke basis. CTIL serves as an anchor institution between the GNLU and the beneficiaries (of the research projects) to ensure seamless coordination and communication.

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The TradeLab clinic is being run at GNLU under the auspices of the GNLU Centre for Public and Private International Law and is supervised by Prof. (Dr.) S Shantakumar and Prof. Harsha Rajwanshi. Through the GNLU-CTIL TradeLab Clinic, student researchers can network with beneficiaries, address real-life legal issues, and gain academic credit.

FALL 2022 PROJECT

The following students were selected for the GNLU-CTIL TradeLab Clinic for Fall 2022:

Parishti Kaushik (2020-25)

Himangini Mishra (2018-23)

Ann Sarasa K R (2020-25)

Prakhar Dwivedi (2019-24)

Divyashree Rao (2018-23)

‘MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENTS IN AYURVEDA SECTOR’

The students worked on a project for a confidential beneficiary on the topic of ‘**Mutual Recognition Agreements In the Ayurveda Sector**’. This report analyses Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) and their different types, features, and implications. It analyses the WTO law on MRAs under the General Agreement on Trade in Services, the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, and the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

After incorporating the inputs given by the team at CTIL, the students submitted their final report in May 2023.

A non-confidential summary of the report can be accessed here:

<https://georgetown.app.box.com/s/yew27k70n72dssf6brii49o5tkf2b9ni>

TESTIMONIALS

My journey through the TradeLab clinic, facilitated by the Centre for Trade and Investment Law & GNLU, has been extraordinary. The opportunity to engage with tangible issues that ripple through the real world was a privilege for me. What sets this experience apart is the depth of the issues involved, which extend far beyond standard education's confines.

Moreover, the chance to engage with mentors from CTIL gave me valuable insights into enhancing the effectiveness of our reports. Undoubtedly, this experience has greatly expanded my enthusiasm for delving deeper into the realm of International Economic Law.

Guided by mentors and collaborating with driven peers, my personal experience was indeed enriching. I extend my deepest gratitude to the CTIL, and GNLU for crafting this unparalleled platform.



- **Parishti Kaushik**
(Batch of 2020-25)

Being a part of a Centre researching on international trade law-related issues has been an enlightening and transformative experience that has not only enriched my academic journey but also prepared me for a dynamic and interconnected global legal landscape. The opportunity to delve into the complexities of global trade regulations and their real-world applications has expanded my legal knowledge and shaped my perspective on the interconnectedness of economies and the importance of harmonized trade practices.

The practicality of the project was also a refreshing departure from theoretical studies. Instead of confined classrooms, we interacted with actual case study and current trade issues that businesses face daily. This hands-on approach solidified my grasp of legal concepts and gave me insights into the real challenges that governments and corporations navigate in the global market. As someone with a keen interest in both law and global commerce, this opportunity has allowed me to delve deep into the intricate world of trade regulations while contributing to real-world solutions.



- **Himangini Mishra**
(Batch of 2018-23)

My experience with the CTIL-TradeLab has been extremely enriching. It was the first time I got to work on a practical and contemporary issue in international trade law. This allowed me to understand this field of law from a far more in-depth and nuanced perspective, which was quite different from what I was acquainted with during my regular coursework.

Collaborating with my teammates and receiving valuable feedback from our mentors at CTIL has taught me much beyond the theory of law. Overall, I am extremely grateful to the University and CTIL for providing us with this opportunity!



- **Ann Sarasa K R**
(Batch of 2020-25)

My experience at CTIL TradeLab was intellectually invigorating during my tenure as a GNLU student. Focused on the intersection of medical and trade laws, this opportunity provided an insightful, real-world application of international trade law. Engaging with a dynamic team, I navigated the complexities of the research problem. Collaborating with colleagues and industry professionals, I developed a comprehensive understanding of the challenges at hand. The mentorship received from CTIL experts was invaluable.

Their guidance fuelled the creation of a meaningful and impactful report. This internship bridged academic knowledge with practical insights, cultivating a profound appreciation for international economic law and its tangible implications. The experience expanded my analytical skills and kindled a lasting interest in the field.

I'm grateful for the chance to contribute substantively to a global issue. CTIL TradeLab enriched my legal acumen and instilled a sense of responsibility for addressing real-world complexities. This journey will undoubtedly shape my academic and professional pursuits.



- **Prakhar Dwivedi**
(Batch of 2019-24)

I worked at the GNLU-CTIL Tradelab Clinic in the final year. The work involved extensive legal research and drafting work in the areas of MRAs and Ayurvedic products. It was an exciting and engaging endeavour. It helped enhance my knowledge and experience in the nuances of various topics within International Trade Law.

The mentors at the Tradelab were helpful and guided me through the research with constructive feedback. I had an enriching experience, and I would like to thank GNLU and CTIL for this opportunity.



- **Divyashree Rao**
(Batch of 2018-23)
