



# GNLU-CTIL TRADELAB CLINIC FALL 2021

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 provides students with the opportunity 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 which brings together students, academics, and legal practitioners with the aim of empowering stakeholders to avail the benefits of research in international trade law and international investment law.

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

## **GNLU-CTIL FALL 2021 TRADELAB CLINIC**

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

# FALL 2021 PROJECT

Following students were selected for the GNLU-CTIL TradeLab Clinic for Semester July-Dec 2021/Fall 2021:

**Anchit Jasuja (Batch 2018-23)**

**Bhavnish Kaur Chhabda (Batch 2017-22)**

**Manthan Nagpal (Batch 2017-22)**

**Salonee Shukla (Batch 2018-23)**

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**Project on -**

## **'Agricultural Trade Implications of the exit of members from Customs Union'**

The students worked on a project for a confidential beneficiary on the topic **'Agricultural trade implications of the exit of members from Customs Union'**. Their report analyses the agricultural trade implications of a country leaving its Customs Union. It focuses on two aspects – Bound Total Aggregate Measure of Support and Tariff Rate Quotas within the Agreement on Agriculture, along with the issue of currency conversion.

Student researchers presented their findings before Dr. James J. Nedumpara (Head, CTIL) and obtained his feedback on the report. After incorporating the inputs given, the students submitted their final report in January 2022.

A non-confidential summary of the report can be accessed here: <https://www.tradelab.org/single-post/agriculture-trade-implications-of-the-exit-of-members-from-customs-union>

# TESTIMONIALS

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My experience with TradeLab clinic operated by the Centre for Trade and Investment Law was extremely enriching. The opportunity to work on issues with a real impact for the beneficiary was quite rewarding, especially due to the uniqueness of the issues that we had to research. The nature of the issues presented to us by the beneficiary required us to understand many of the nuances of international trade law, something which any academic course of the subject would not have been able to achieve.



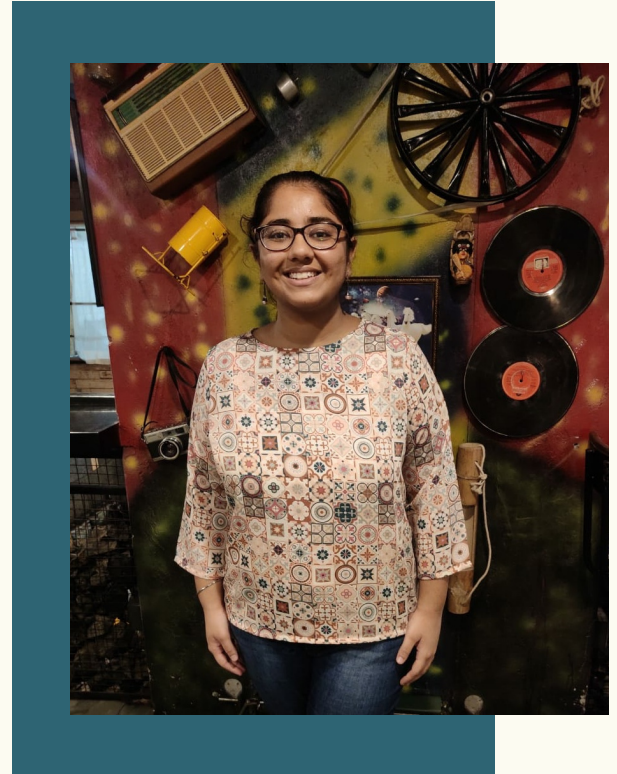
With the support and feedback provided by my mentor, supervisors and colleagues, I was able to substantially improve my analytical, research and writing skills. I would thank TradeLab, Centre for Trade and Investment Law and my university for operating the clinic and giving students such a valuable opportunity.

**- Anchit Jasuja (Batch 2018-23)**

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TradeLab gave me an opportunity to work on a practical research problem having real-world implications. This helped me gain exposure to drafting a professional report which was to be submitted to a beneficiary.

Working under the guidance of mentors at CTIL was a great learning experience as we received invaluable inputs and suggestions from them every step of the way. The project allowed us to apply independent thinking and arrive at our own conclusions after analysing existing practice and literature.



We also presented our findings before Dr. James Nedumpura wherein we got the chance to indulge in discussions with Sir on our analysis. Working on a long term research problem allowed us to dive deep into all the issues and provide a fresh perspective. It was a really enriching experience for me to be able to work under the mentorship of researchers from CTIL as well as alongside my colleagues from the university.

**- Bhavnish Kaur Chhabda (Batch 2017-22)**

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Tradelab provided me an opportunity to research on actual issues, which made research more practice oriented. This was quite different experience because until now I had only researched on International Economic Law in a more academic scenario. It provided an opportunity to be guided by practitioners and experts in the field. It further provided a chance to work for real life clients, which means that our research and reports were actually put into a project.



**- Manthan Nagpal  
(Batch 2017-22)**

Working as part of the TradeLab Clinic was the closest experience to hands-on work in the field of international economic law that I could have had on an academic level. With the discussions with the beneficiaries and experts such as Prof. James J Nedumpara; I gained exposure of how trade policy is truly negotiated and the preparation that goes into the same.



The TradeLab Clinic was a rigorous exercise and a wonderful experience for me, as a person who sees herself working in the field of international economic law in the near future. I would recommend being part of this project to any student interested in trade negotiations and policy research and those who are looking for a space where real-life concerns are discussed and researched on.

**- Salonee Shukla (Batch 2018-23)**

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