Interdisciplinary Perspectives on International Law:

The Future of the World Trade System and Multilateralism after the "Blockade" of the WTO Appellate Body

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Lecture 1
Multilateral Integration and the Global Governance of the World Trade System

- Economic Integration
- Governance and Government
- Governance of the World Trade System

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Lecture 2
Emerging Trends and Emerging Powers in International Trade: The Global Power Shift

- Incentives to join the Multilateral System
- Increasing divergence of interests
- Characteristics and Reasons for the Global Power Shift

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Lecture 3
How is the WTO Appellate Body Blockade impacting the Future of the World Trade System and Multilateralism?

- Changing International Trade Relations: The basis for the "Blockade"?
- Dispute Settlement and Member State sovereignty in conflict?
- The need for arbitration within the World Trade System and Perspectives

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