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## SESSION 37 – HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE WTO: DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AND TRADE POLICY REVIEW MECHANISMS



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### ABSTRACT

This session will discuss possible avenues for incorporating human rights considerations into the international trading system, specifically through the WTO dispute settlement and trade policy review mechanisms, with a view to ensuring policy coherence and synergy between international trade law and international human rights law.

The key questions addressed by the panel include: Can we ensure policy coherence and synergy between international human rights and trade law with a view to better addressing challenges of global governance? What avenues exist for incorporating human rights considerations into the international trading system? Can WTO dispute settlement and trade policy review mechanisms provide opportunities to strengthen the coherence between international human rights and trade law? What are the constraints?

### PANELISTS

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Closing

**Mr Vijay K. Nagaraj**,  
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