

The Redesign of the WTO and other Multilateral Economic Organizations

Book Launch and Round Table Discussion

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Dear Sir or Madam,

It is a pleasure to invite you to the book launch of **“Redesigning the World Trade Organization for the Twenty-first Century”**. The book presentation will be followed by a round table discussion on the challenges and prospects of reforming today’s multilateral economic organizations.

Participants:

Prof. Thomas Cottier, World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland (chair)

Prof. Bessma Momani, Departments of Political Science and History, University of Waterloo, Canada

Prof. Debra Steger, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, Canada

Mr Julio Lacarte, Former Ambassador of Uruguay (invited)

Dr Manfred Elsig, World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland

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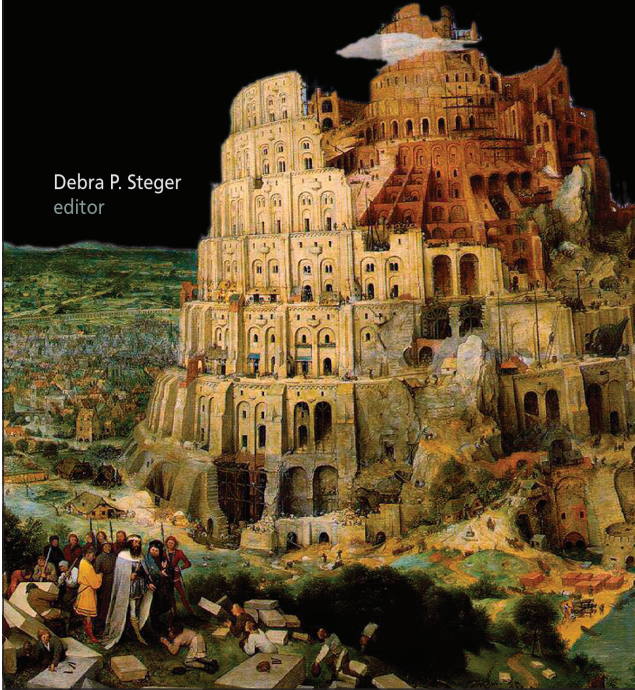
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Debra Steger is a professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa, where she teaches international trade, international dispute settlement, and international investment law. She is also the founder and director of the EDGE Network on the emerging, dynamic, global economies—a multidisciplinary research network focused on institutional reform of the World Trade Organization. She served recently as chair of a WTO panel and from 1995 to 2001 was the first director of the Appellate Body Secretariat of the World Trade Organization in Geneva. She is the author of *Peace through Trade: Building the World Trade Organization* (2004) and co-editor of *Law in the Service of Human Dignity: Essays in Honour of Florentino Feliciano* (2005).

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