

## INTRODUCTION

The Indian Journal of International Economic Law is now into its second issue and it is perhaps an opportune moment to remember its birth 3 years ago. When we started, we were the only journal discussing nice areas like WTO law and law and economics in the subcontinent. Our focus was and still is on fostering a space for alternate discourses on international economic law, not confined to its traditional contours of areas like international trade, WTO and competition law. The focus on developing country issues and authors, has helped us gather much support from places as far as Nigeria and Argentina, and we were especially proud to receive submissions this year from scholars in these countries. Further, our quest to focus attention on other aspects of IEL has borne fruit in the selection of articles the reader can access in this issue.

The first article sets the tone of the issue with a discussion on why the African continent as a whole has not been able to enforce its rights in the WTO dispute settlement process despite joining the organisation in large numbers. The barriers discussed are examined in a holistic fashion and a model for changing status quo is suggested. The second article, argues that the compliance with TRIPS obligations which took place, despite protests from developing countries initially, defied current neo liberal and realist theories in international relations. The article moots the possibility of examining domestic relations of member nations to understand the anomalies. The third piece is a much awaited work examining the teaching of international economic law in India based on existing trends. The last contribution in this issue is a case comment on the Peter Scot Whisky dispute decided recently by Indian courts. The article questions the legality of the judgment both under domestic IPR laws, as well as its legitimacy with respect to India's WTO obligations.

On a final note, we would like to thank Mr. Rajiv Luthra, Managing Director, Luthra & Luthra Law Offices for his support to the journal since

its inception. Further, we are particularly indebted to all our external reviewers, who have given us extensive peer review support throughout the year. With a dynamic student board at the helm of affairs, it is a moment of pride for the second editorial board, as we humbly present the second issue of the Indian Journal of International Economic Law.

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