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Challenges to Multilateralism in International Economic Law

Volume XXIX-2019 of the Italian Yearbook of International Law (IYIL) will include a Symposium on “Challenges to Multilateralism in International Economic Law”, which will be edited in cooperation with the Interest Group on International and Supranational Organizations of the Italian Society of International and European Union Law.

Established at the end of WWII in a joint effort to promote international economic exchanges and foster international peace and security, the current multilateral framework governing international economic relations is under pressure. A new economic world order seems to be emerging in which states intensively use protectionist tools “to achieve strategic and political goals” thus limiting the role of law and increasing the use of power politics (Puig). The role of international adjudication to settle international economic disputes is also jeopardized by the growing recourse to unilateral sanctions, unilateral responses to such moves, and attempts to block the effective functioning of the Appellate Body of the WTO. It is now time to take stock of these challenges to multilateralism from an international law perspective.

The Editors welcome submissions of abstracts showing a critical and/or innovative perspective on any of the following aspects:

- The future of multilateralism and mega-agreements (i.e. CETA, EU-Japan, CTPP, NAFTA/USMCA, RCEP, or AfCTFA): is Article XXIV GATT still relevant?
- Trade Wars: legal implications for multilateralism
- The future of WTO dispute settlement mechanism and its independence
- Prospects for international investment law and implications for bilateralism, regionalism and multilateralism
- The future of international investment dispute settlement between the reform of ICSID Rules and the proposal of a Multilateral Investment Court
- The main challenges to multilateralism in the field of international development assistance and peace support
- The state of multilateralism in international financial institutions

- Empirical support for (or against) the assumption that multilateralism is the preferred approach in international economic law

Abstracts of no more than 500 words, written in English and including the author's name and e-mail address should be submitted to the IYIL Editors, e-mail address: italianyearbook@gmail.com. A half-page (max one-page) curriculum vitae must be included in the file containing the abstract. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 10 May 2019. Successful applicants will be notified via e-mail by 1 June 2019 and must submit the final draft paper (10.000-12.000 words, including footnotes) by 15 October 2019. A colloquium on "Challenges to Multilateralism in International Economic Law" will be convened in November 2019 and on that occasion the authors of the accepted papers will be invited to present their works, which will eventually be published in the Italian Yearbook of International Law after a double-blind peer-review process.