



The WTO: A Discordant Orchestra

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Sage Publications, New Delhi, India, 2006. Paperback. Book Condition: New. First Edition. Potentially one of the most powerful of all multilateral institutions in terms of ensuring smooth and free trade flows globally, the World Trade Organisation (WTO) is also one of the most controversial. Its achievements notwithstanding, what significantly plagues the WTO are the conflicting objectives of its constituent members which act as a deterrent to progress. Therefore, it is time to conduct a stock-taking exercise and review the developments in the WTO since its establishment. This book takes stock of the WTO and reviews its functioning since its establishment in 1995. It narrates the story of the WTO with a view to finding a solution to the unproductive conflicts hampering its functioning. The author ably captures the tensions within the WTO as also the developments which have given rise to these complex conflicts. While the author maintains that the biggest challenge facing the WTO is the North-South discord, he also highlights the frequent emergence of South-South and North-North conflicts. The book presents a chronological description of developments within the WTO (till the most recent ministerial round at Hong Kong in December 2005) which have been shaped by the tug-of-war...



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