

# DANCING WITH THE DEVIL: A HERETIC'S VIEW OF PROTECTIONISM IN THE WTO LEGAL SYSTEM

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## ABSTRACT

*The paper discusses about the notion of "protectionism", a constant issue to the WTO, and analyses the related protection measures from tariffs, safeguards, anti-dumping to competition rules. While the author's views on protection are not anti-WTO, she suggests and explains a heretical view on protectionism: a view that rejects unreasonable antagonism about protectionism as a concept and that instead calls for focusing on the individual protectionist measures. And only through considering all governmental regulations individually and contextually, can we meld the very real potential of positive effects of trade liberalization with the ethical calls of better environmental protection, stronger human rights protection, and more extensive labor protection.*

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