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A CASE FOR NON-TRADE CONCERNS IN THE GREATER CONTEXT OF GLOBALIZA- TION

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This chapter narrows specifically onto the Non-Trade Concerns, laying the framework for how this area of the law and negotiations can be used to stem the ills of globalization. Recognizing that there are human costs to the results of the benefits achieved by globalization, it is not to be ignored that there are real and continued costs associated with the production of goods across nations. The anxiety experienced by those that are left behind in the boom of profits achieved by a globalized manufacturing scheme has been captured in the political arena, allowing those who are able to capitalize on this economic anxiety to develop quick, and unusual coalitions to rise to power. However, this rise to power for the politician on the stand of the economically anxious, does not ne-

cessitate that they implement lasting programs to aid those feeling the ills of globalization on the individualized scale. The author is able to weave the ideas of Non-Trade Concerns (NTCs) into the broader national-level discussions of sustainable policies to reduce the economic anxiety experienced on the personal-level. Here, the ebb and flow demanded from more capitalist societies require that goods be bought and sold for the lowest price. However, those who lose jobs in the global pursuit for this fundamental aspect of capitalism must be pushed back against in incremental ways to avoid all out destruction of the WTO policies ensuring the possibility of free-trade agreements.



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