

29.03.18

gLAWcal COMMENT #206

INTERDEPENDENCE IN WTO CASE LAW, ITS PROS AND CONS

Based on

**Chios Carmody “Interdependence and
WTO Law”**



gLAWcal
Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development



Routledge
Taylor & Francis Group

**A gLAWcal comment on Chi-
os Carmody “Interdepend-
ence and WTO Law” in An-
tonio Segura Serrano (Ed.)
“The Reform of Internation-
al Economic Governance”.**

Over the last two decades WTO has developed an impressive, and sometimes controversial, dispute settlement system. By analysing this corpus of judicial decisions it is possible to wonder what is the role of the interdependence? So far, many studies on WTO law have neglected this aspect of the law – that is interdependence. This is because much of the early experience with WTO law has, in fact, been seen through the filter of WTO dispute settlement which appears to be concerned with singular obligations. Now things are beginning to change because the global economy is increasingly characterized by webs of cooperation that involve ever more intensive interdependence. This has implications for the shape of international law generally. But how can this state of affairs be assessed? In this study, it is submitted that the idea itself of interdependence is not a neutral concept, not unreservedly positive. Rather it is suggested that interdependence needs to be constantly questioned and re-conceptualised in its many directions.



Cite as: gLAWcal Comment #206 “Interdependence in WTO case law, its pros and cons”(2018) based on Chios Carmody “Interdependence and WTO Law” in Antonio Seguro Serrano (Ed.) “The Reform of International Economic Governance”, gLAWcal Book Series, Routledge Publishing (New-York/London), 2017, ISBN 9781315553603.

The gLAWcal comments are insight and short analytical pieces written by the gLAWcal team. The gLAWcal comments are based on, and inspired by, the books and chapters published within one of the [gLAWcal book series](#) published by Routledge Publishing (New York/London).

gLAWcal is an independent non-profit research organization (think tank) that aims at providing a new focus on issues related to economic law, globalization and development, namely the relationship between international economy and trade, with special attention to a number of non-trade-related values and concerns. Through research and policy analysis, gLAWcal sheds a new light on issues such as good governance, human rights, right to water, rights to food, social, economic and cultural rights, labour rights, access to knowledge, public health, social welfare, consumer interests and animal welfare, climate change, energy, environmental protection and sustainable development, product safety, food safety and security.

OUR MISSION

To collaborate with Government, Civil society and business community to balance the excess of globalization with Non Trade Concerns.

OUR GOALS

To influence policymakers, to raise awareness over Non Trade Concerns, to encourage stakeholder participation, and to disseminate gLAWcal’s publication results.



Email: research@glawcal.org.uk
Website: glawcal.org.uk
Facebook: [gLAWcal - Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development](#)
Twitter: [@gLAWcal](#)
LinkedIn: [gLAWcal](#)