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## **ARTNet Seminar**

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## **Regulating CrossBorder Data Flows in a Data-Driven World**

### **ABSTRACT**

While the free cross-border movement of data is essential to many aspects of international trade, several countries have imposed restrictions on these data flows. The pre-internet rules of the World Trade Organization ('WTO') discipline some of these restrictions, but they are insufficient. Unfortunately, so are the electronic commerce chapters in modern preferential trade agreements. This presentation argues that reformed WTO rules, which take account of the policy challenges of the data-driven economy, are required. These reforms would facilitate internet openness while ensuring consumer and business trust, promoting digital inclusion of developing countries, and incorporating clear exceptions for legitimate domestic policies.

### **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

Andrew is Professor at Melbourne Law School, Director of the Global Economic Law Network, Director of Studies (International Economic Law) in the Melbourne Law Masters, and a member of the Indicative List of Panelists to hear WTO disputes. He has previously practised law with Allens Arthur Robinson (now Allens Linklaters) and consults for States, international organisations and the private sector. Andrew has taught law in Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Singapore, and the US and is the recipient of four major grants from the Australian Research Council (including a Future Fellowship) and the Australian National Preventive Health Agency. He has published over 140 academic books and journal articles and is a Series Editor of the Oxford University Press International Economic Law Series, an Editorial Board Member of the Journal of International Economic Law and a General Editor of the Journal of International Dispute Settlement. He has law degrees from Melbourne, Harvard and Cambridge and is a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria.