

tember 11th security environment. These chapters collectively emphasize the risks that prevail in the current international environment, risks which need to be countered with creativity and strengthened international collaboration.

Part II addresses systemic issues that confront global governance, including the handling of trade-related intellectual property as well as the functioning of the dispute settlement regime and the decision-making bodies of the World Trade Organization.

Part III presents a series of essays commenting on aspects of the social dimensions of globalization, including the scope for social choice in a globalized world, the questions raised by divergence of incomes between the rich and the poor, and the contextual factors that might explain the episodic nature of countries joining the “convergence club”—i.e., entering into a rapid phase of development that allows them to eventually catch up with the rich.

Through this volume, we hope that the Department continues to contribute actively to the development of policy thinking concerning international trade and investment and its role in and impact on the global economy. And, in the process, we continue to work in the spirit of the broader commitment of the Government of Canada to stimulate the development of its research capacity. Accordingly, the papers are written in the personal capacity of the authors and do not represent the views of the Government of Canada or its Departments. At the same time, we continue to foster links with professional and academic commentators by continuing the pattern set in previous *Trade Policy Research* editions of including contributions from that quarter.

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