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## **Exploring the Limits of Legalization in the WTO: The Case of Basic Telecom Agreement**



**With Meelis Kitsing**

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**Thompson Hall, Room 412**

**Abstract:** This talk will assess the degree of legalization regarding world trade services from the standpoint of the Agreement on Basic Telecommunications Services. Kitsing will evaluate four WTO member states according to obligation, precision, and delegation (Abbott et al, 2000) and explore the reasons for the current degree of legalization in the Basic Telecom Agreement using international relations theories, factor endowment modeling, and interest group theories used by international political economy scholars.

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