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This edited volume comes out of the recognition that thinking anew about the interplay between trade and environmental protection has become essential due to the emerging patterns in climate change and environmental deterioration.

Whereas trade and the environment has been a recurring theme in the multilateral trading system, and a frequent topic that the WTO adjudicating bodies have had to deal with, changes in climate and in climate-related law have been so significant lately that new legal issues have arisen for—and the ensuing possibilities for interaction—with international trade regulation.

The intensified discussion on climate change adaptation policies, in particular, is of growing importance in the aftermath of the now well-established scientific consensus regarding the harmful effect of anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. This collection of papers gathers established scholars and young promising researchers in the field—who were invited to share their ideas regarding some of the most pressing issues regarding climate change and international trade law today. Being a research handbook, contributors not only discuss the state-of-the-art, but also suggest directions of future research in this area.

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