

# Free trade, Foreign Investment and Rise of e-commerce: New challenges for the Labour Movement

## A briefing session

23 October 2018, 10.30 am - 4.30 pm  
Board Room, Constitution Club, Rafi Marg, New Delhi

*Organised by*  
*Public Services International (PSI), Forum against FTAs,*  
*TWN Trust India, Transnational Institute (TNI) and IT for Change*

### DRAFT AGENDA

10.30 – 11.00	Welcome and Introduction	<b>Amitava Guha</b> , Joint Action Committee against Foreign retail and E-commerce & <b>Susana Barria</b> , Public Services International (PSI)
11.00 – 12.00	Crisis of neoliberalism and free trade and Indian experience with FTAs (20 mins)	<b>Biwajit Dhar</b> , Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi  <b>Trade Union Responses</b>  <i>Facilitator: <b>TK Rajalakshmi</b>, Senior journalist, Frontline</i>
12.00 – 12.45	Digital Economy and FTAs: Corporate agenda to impede regulation	<b>Parminder Jeet Singh</b> , IT for Change  <b>Trade Union Responses</b>  <i>Facilitator: <b>Ranja Sengupta</b>, Third World Network</i>
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch	
13.45 – 14.30	FTAs and value capture in Global Supply Chains	<b>Satyaki Roy</b> , Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi  <b>Trade Union Responses</b>  <i>Facilitator: <b>Shalini Bhutani</b>, Forum against FTAs</i>
14.30 – 15.15	International arbitration tribunals: How corporations undermine national courts and sue Governments	<b>Benny Kuruvilla</b> , Transnational Institute  <b>Trade Union Response</b>  <i>Facilitator: <b>Jammu Anand</b>, Nagpur Municipal Corporation Employees Union (NMCEU)</i>
15.15 – 15.30	tea	
15.30 – 16.00	FTAs and secrecy: Need for democratic scrutiny	<b>Ranja Sengupta</b> , Third World Network  <b>Trade Union Responses</b>  <i>Facilitator: <b>V Narasimhan</b>, All India National Life Insurance Employees Federation (AINLIEF)</i>
16.00 – 16.30	Closing session: Way forward	<i>Facilitator: <b>Susana Barria</b>, PSI</i>