

Discussion Questions for **March 28: International Trade and Clean Energy Policy**

1. According to Lewis, what WTO rules affect or constrain the adoption of clean energy policies?
2. Why are local content requirements important to decarbonization?
3. What are the four drivers of trade disputes in the renewable energy sector?
4. Are there any prospects for reforming international trade law to reduce conflicts with clean energy policies?
5. According to Trachtman, why might border tax adjustments be desirable to countries pursuing deep decarbonization?
6. What WTO/GATT rules might constrain the adoption of a BTA?
7. Do GATT/WTO environmental exemptions protect climate-policy oriented BTAs?
8. Are output-based tax credits better protected from challenges under WTO/GATT?
9. **Overall, how big a challenge are international trade rules to decarbonization?**
10. **Should decarbonization policies adapt to international trade rules or should international trade rules be changed to facilitate decarbonization?**