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**The Limits of the WTO as a Promoter of Freedom of Speech:
Reflections on a Potential Google Dispute**

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Even before Google's abrupt departure from China in March, 2010, academics and advocates were arguing that WTO dispute settlement can be used to promote the freedom of speech and access to information in China and elsewhere by targeting internet censorship as a trade barrier. This presentation will take a skeptical perspective towards these claims, arguing instead that trade cases relating to censorship (such as the recent *China-IPRs* and *China-AV Distribution* cases) are indifferent towards the freedom of expression and ultimately promote economic interests with little, if any, impact on restricted speech.

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