Recent episodes of the rise of protectionism—specially in the USA due to onslaught of Trumponomics and the consequential policy shifts, and by China in the East, as well as in the Western Europe in post-Brexit scenario—has spawned renewed interests in the role of trade policy for shaping global trade when post-WTO world has already dismantled trade barriers to a very significant level. The gradual transition from GATT to WTO has altered the global trade scenarios causing ‘great unbundlings’ aided by trade policy changes as well as decline in transport costs, thanks to technological changes. The rise of new protectionism—due to nationalism and/or populism—has led trade policy experts like Paul Krugman, Dani Rodrik, Jo Stiglitz, and Barry Eichengreen, amongst others to cast doubts on the efficacy of global trade in delivering benefits, and the role of institutions such as WTO. This is more so when Global Value-Chain Slicing and Global, as well as Regional Production Networks, has interlinked the geographically apart countries in a broad swing of the pendulum. Failure of TPP, disruptive effects on TPP/TTIP, and rise of new regionalism is a vivid pointer in this direction. Will GPN/GVC take a backseat? Will this nascent trade war especially between USA-China-EU have repercussion effects in Asia where the economic centre of gravity has shifted in the post-2008 period? Will RPN/RVC will also be affected? Will the new protectionism likely to have the effect of Smoot-Hawley tariff that unfolded during the 1930s? Will nascent trade war affect the speed of market integration with adverse consequences? If so, how to address via policy intervention? Does NAFTA have a future? Are trade-war and anti-immigration two sides of the same coin? Why immigration policy is a major agenda and how that can affect labor market impacts via wage (in-)equality? What lies in store for globalization? Is the current trade theory and empirics adequate in handling such issues cogently? Or, do we need a new framework of analysis?

The special issue of Foreign Trade Review will cover all these research questions in a wider context. We invite papers dealing with all these issues using theoretical and empirical framework, as well as a mixture of theory and empirics. Contributions having solid theoretical basis as well as empirical support dealing with this current watershed in trade policy in post-Financial Crisis era will be favorably considered.

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