PREFACE

China's entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO) in December 2001 is a major landmark in the country's integration into the global economy as well as in the history of the international political economy. To evaluate the transformative changes of this event for China, its trading partners, and global trade governance, we brought together leading scholars and senior policymakers from various disciplines to participate in the book track of the World Trade Forum in November 2021, which was almost exactly at the time of the 20th anniversary of China's accession to the WTO.

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