The World Trade Organization: A Very Short Introduction

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The World Trade Organization (WTO) is scarcely ten years old, but even in these early years of its existence it has generated debate, controversy and even outrage. The deep and far-ranging impact of the WTO on peoples' everyday lives means that it is not just an institution of interest to economists, but to everyone. A clear understanding of the mandate, structure and functioning of the WTO is essential to appreciate the controversy behind the organization, and whether it deserves the reputation that it has acquired.