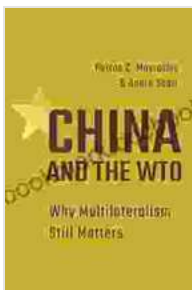


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However, in recent years, the WTO has come under increasing strain. The United States, in particular, has been critical of the organization, accusing it of being biased against American interests. The Trump administration has threatened to withdraw the United States from the WTO, and it has imposed tariffs on goods from China and other countries.

Despite these challenges, the WTO remains an essential forum for global trade. It provides a mechanism for countries to resolve disputes and negotiate trade agreements, and it helps to ensure that trade is conducted in a fair and open manner. The WTO is not perfect, but it is the best system we have for promoting free and fair trade.

## **The Benefits of Multilateralism**

Multilateralism is a system of international cooperation in which countries work together to achieve common goals. It is based on the principle that all countries have a stake in the global economy and that they can all benefit from cooperating with each other.

There are many benefits to multilateralism. First, it helps to promote peace and stability. When countries cooperate with each other, they are less likely to resort to conflict. Second, multilateralism helps to promote economic growth. By working together, countries can create a more stable and predictable global trading environment, which is essential for economic growth. Third, multilateralism helps to protect the environment. By working together, countries can address global environmental challenges, such as climate change and pollution.

## **The Challenges to Multilateralism**

Multilateralism is not without its challenges. One challenge is that it can be difficult to reach consensus among a large number of countries. Each country has its own interests, and it can be difficult to find a solution that satisfies everyone. Another challenge is that multilateral institutions can be бюрократичным and slow-moving. This can make it difficult to respond quickly to changing circumstances.

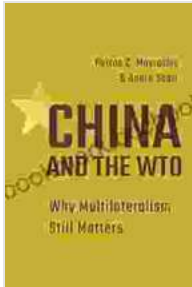
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### **The Future of the WTO**

The future of the WTO is uncertain. The United States is increasingly critical of the organization, and it is unclear whether the Trump administration will continue to participate in it. However, the WTO remains an essential forum for global trade. It provides a mechanism for countries to resolve disputes and negotiate trade agreements, and it helps to ensure that trade is conducted in a fair and open manner. The WTO is not perfect, but it is the best system we have for promoting free and fair trade.

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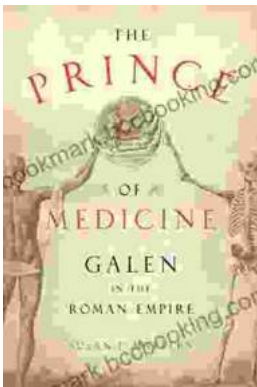


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