

Preface

The three of us have worked as an informal team for the past decade, individually and collectively teaching, doing research and presenting our findings on trade in GM crops to a mix of academic, industrial and government audiences. Our mix of skills and interests—trade theory, political economy and public policy—has enabled us to challenge some of the underlying assumptions and to contribute in our own small way to the framing of the debate about regulatory and trade regimes for GM crops and to the design of options for more effective systems.

Like at a family wedding, we have dressed up this volume with ‘something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue’. The process of knitting together our disparate works from the past has given us new insight into the problems and opportunities. We hope this volume provides insights to you, the reader.

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