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Artificial intelligence (AI) technologies are transforming economies, societies, and geopolitics. Enabled by the exponential increase of data that is collected, transmitted, and processed transnationally, these changes have important implications for international economic law (IEL). This volume examines the dynamic interplay between AI and IEL by addressing an array of critical new questions, including: How to conceptualize, categorize, and analyze AI for purposes of IEL? How is AI affecting established concepts and rubrics of IEL? Is there a need to reconfigure IEL, and if so, how? Contributors also respond to other cross-cutting issues, including digital inequality, data protection, algorithms and ethics, the regulation of AI-use cases (autonomous vehicles), and systemic shifts in e-commerce (digital trade) and industrial production (fourth industrial revolution).

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Preface

The chapters assembled in this volume were written on machines distributed across four continents by humans who have devoted a significant part of their professional lives to studying and practicing international economic law.

Most authors met in person in Taipei in the fall of 2019 for the Society of International Economic Law's (SIEL's) Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN) sixth biennial conference, *International Trade Regime for the Data-Driven Economy: How Will Artificial Intelligence Transform International Economic Law?*, organized by the Institute of Law for Science and Technology at National Tsing Hua University (NTHU). The editors and contributors are grateful to the chairs, discussants, and participants on various panels for their inputs, which fueled the momentum for our collective endeavor. The programmatic theme of the conference animated our discussions then and laid the groundwork for the framing of this book. Our insights were further developed and refined through scholarly debates and discussions and are now the joint product of twenty-one authors.

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This book was finalized while countries around the world were still confronting a global public health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many came to rely on digital services as an infrastructure for social interaction and professional endeavors, including academic and educational work. The pandemic seems to have precipitated a further shift toward digital technologies and artificial intelligence. It is our hope that this book will contribute to an informed discussion about the relevance of and implications for international economic law beyond the pandemic.