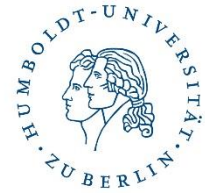


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Introduction to international economic law and international litigation: the globalization of law

Fall Term 2023: 4 September – 15 December 2023
(break: 23-27 October 2023)

CATEGORY

Law and Economics

COURSE STRUCTURE

3 contact hours à 45 min per week (14 weeks + gap week)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Time

Monday: 4:00-6:30 pm

Place

t.b.a.

COURSE LANGUAGE

English

Language requirements (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

English B2

TARGET GROUP

International exchange students of all subjects with a strong interest in the course topic. Humboldt Perspectives Study Abroad courses are designed for undergraduate students. Master students may participate if their home university agrees.

CREDITS = 6 ECTS

All courses are accredited according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Multinational companies like Google or Apple self-evidently act on a global stage. But even small businesses participate in international trade today. The integration of national economies and the elimination of barriers of trade no longer allow a solely national view on this development. With the growing importance of international commerce, the need for an "International Economic Law" arises. Numerous regulations and agreements concern international trade and investment, but the legal framework of international economy remains indefinite. The rise of international commerce necessitates furthermore, the need for an international effective judicial protection, which goes beyond the traditional national barriers of civil and commercial litigation. International litigation and arbitration play an important role in the realization of rights and judicial protection of companies and consumers alike.

In this course, common principles of International Economic Law will be examined by analyzing leading decisions by international courts. Furthermore, international and domestic legal statutes in all aspects of economic law will be examined and discussed. Therefore, a substantial part of the course will be dedicated to the discussion of cases, legal statutes and reading materials.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The course objective is to provide students with both a theoretical and practical understanding of the core branches of international economic law, including their underpinning institutional frameworks, as well as a critical understanding of the contemporary challenges facing this dynamic field.

By the end of the course participants will be able to:

- Understand the basic concepts and principles of International Economic Law
- Familiarize themselves with the principles of International litigation and Arbitration
- Develop an understanding of International Competition law
- Provide an overview of recent developments in the field of International litigation
- Analyze and critically reflect on leading cases and legal statutes of International Economic Law and International Litigation
- Utilize a pluralism of methodological (interdisciplinary and comparative) approaches to the main aspects of International Economic Law and International Litigation

READINGS

Reading materials will be available via Moodle during the course.

ASSIGNMENT INFO

Workload and assignments

- actively attend all sessions (a minimum of 80% attendance is required for classroom and online sessions)

- prepare and revise the classroom/online sessions
- hand in the following **assignments**:
 - oral presentation (will be hold in groups of two to three students and will be integrated into the lecture’s structure – duration 10-15 minutes)
 - a written research paper on a topic chosen from the seminar schedule (8-10 pages)

Failure to fulfil one of the mentioned components results in failure of the class.

Assessment Components

The final grade will be composed of the above-mentioned assignments.

YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Vasileios Kapetanos, LL.M. (HU) is a Ph.D. candidate at Humboldt Law School Berlin. His research interests lie mainly in civil procedure law, international arbitration and private international law. He has worked in international law firms in Germany, in the areas of competition and energy law. He has studied law in Athens and Berlin.

COURSE SCHEDULE

14 weeks + gap week

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Foundations of International Economic Law

1. International Economic Relations
2. Sources of International Economic Law
3. Institutions of International Economic Law

Week 3: International Trade Law I

1. The GATT/WTO System
2. Basic principles of the GATT

Week 4: International Competition law I

1. Principles of International Competition law

Week 5: International Competition law II

1. EU Competition law regime
2. US Competition law regime

Week 6: International Competition law III

State aid law (Guest lecturer)

Week 7: International Litigation I

1. Principles of International litigation/procedural law

Week 8: International Litigation II

1. Principles of Jurisdiction

Week 9: International Litigation III

1. Enforcement of Judgments

Week 10: International Arbitration

1. Principles of International Arbitration

Week 11: International White Collar Crime

Guest lecturer

Week 12: International Business Law

1. International Sales and Contract law

Week 13: International Investment law

1. Investment treaties
2. Expropriation and the protection of property
3. Environmental protection

Week 14: International Insolvency Law

1. Basic Principles

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Registration on Moodle (HU's e-learning platform)

in case of online sessions

- Fully functional device (laptop, tablet, PC)
- Stable internet connection
- Software: Zoom (video/audio)
- *Recommended* hardware: external headset for better sound quality

EXPECTATIONS & POLICIES

Preparation for lively discussions: be on time, have at least the required readings completed, and points in mind for discussion or clarification.

Assignments: complete all assignments according to the specified requirements on the schedule including handing them over to the lecturer.

Commitment: pay particular attention to the lecturer and respect differences of opinions in this international classroom.

Academic guidelines: Comply with academic integrity policies, especially the academic honor code and the student code of conduct. Plagiarism in even a small assignment will result in failing the entire course.

Attendance policy: Students must contact their class teachers to catch up on missed work – to excuse absence please contact the lecturer.

The course and its syllabus are subject to change. Last update: 7 March 2022