

## **Introduction to International Economic Law: The globalization of law**

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Spring Term 2023: 8 February – 19 May 2023

### **CATEGORY**

Law and Economics

### **COURSE STRUCTURE**

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

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

#### **Time**

Monday: 9.00 am – 11.30 am

#### **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 Economic Law
- Analyze and critically reflect on leading cases and legal statutes of International Economic Law
- Utilize a pluralism of methodological (interdisciplinary and comparative) approaches to the main aspects of International Economic Law

## READINGS

Reading materials will be available via Moodle during the course.

## ASSIGNMENT INFO

### Workload and assignments

In order to be granted 6 ECTS, participants will be asked to

- 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 (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

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**Vasileios Kapetanos, LL.M. (HU)** is a Ph.D student 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.

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## COURSE SCHEDULE

### 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 Trade Law II

1. International intellectual property law

### Week 5: International Competition law I

1. Principles of International Competition law

### Week 6: International Competition law II

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

### Week 7: International Competition law III

State aid law (Guest lecturer)

**Week 8: International Litigation I**

1. Principles of International litigation/procedural law

**Week 9: International Litigation II**

1. Conflict of laws
2. Jurisdiction

**Week 10: International Litigation III**

1. Enforcement of Judgments

**Week 11: International Arbitration**

1. Principles of International Arbitration

**Week 12: International White Collar Crime**

Guest lecturer

**Week 13: International Investment law**

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

**Week 14: International Business Law**

1. International Sales and Contract law

## 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 (classmates', lecturers).

**Academic guidelines:** Comply with academic integrity policies (such as no plagiarism or cheating, nothing unethical) especially the academic honor code and the student code of conduct.

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

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The course and its syllabus are subject to change. Last update: 27 June 2022