



Course Title	Introduction to International Economic Law
Category	Religion, Ethics and Law
Class Time	Session 1: June 17th – July 12th 2019 Track B Weekly schedule Monday: 9 am – 10.30 am & 11 am – 12.30 pm Wednesday: 9 am – 10.30 am & 11 am – 12.30 pm Thursday: 1.30 pm – 3 pm & 3.30 pm – 4.15 pm
Course Level & Target Group	Advanced undergraduate law students and students with an academic background that qualifies them to participate in the course.
Course Language	This course is taught in English, including readings in English. For the understanding of the texts and the discussions in class a language level B2 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) is required.
ECTS	5 ECTS (45 contact hours)
Instructor	Hanno Meyer

Course Description

Multinational companies like Google or Apple self-evidently act on a global stage. Today even small businesses participate in cross-border trade and offer their products and services on international markets. 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 economic relations remains indefinite.

In this course common principles of International Economic Law will be examined by analysing leading decisions by international courts and other institutions. A substantial part of the course will be dedicated to class room discussion, exercises, and role-plays.

Course Objective & Learning Outcomes

The aim of the course is to identify and analyse sources and principles of International Economic Law. Due to the interdisciplinary dimension of the subject the course will address economic, political, and ethical aspects and different fields of law such as economic law, human rights, and environmental law. Students will gain a theoretical and practical understanding of core branches of International Economic Law, the underpinning institutional framework and dispute settlement mechanisms.

By the end of the course, students will be able to understand basic principles and rules of International Economic Law, International Investment Law, and WTO Law and apply these rules and principles in practice in the public and private sector. Students will be able to understand the present and emerging organisational structure at international, regional and national levels, i.e. the World Trade Organisation (WTO), European Union, NAFTA, ASEAN and other regional agreements. Students will know the leading cases of International Economic Law and will be able to apply these precedents in different contexts. Students will be aware of the advantages and disadvantages of international dispute resolution, e.g. international arbitration and WTO dispute resolution.

Suggested Readings

Andreas F. Rosenfeld (2008), *International Economic Law*, Oxford University Press, 2nd Revised edition.

Mathias Herdegen (2016), *Principles of International Economic Law*, Oxford University Press.

Course Schedule

The teaching consists of lectures, exercises, class discussion, role-plays and presentations. Each lesson covers a specific aspect of International Economic Law and will focus on leading cases and guiding principles.

- (1) Foundations of International Economic Law
 - (2) Principles of International Economic Law and the international order
 - (3) International dispute settlement
 - (4) The GATT/WTO framework
 - (5) Provisions of the WTO framework
 - (6) International investment protection
 - (7) Arbitration and regional integration
 - (8) International Competition Law
 - (9) International Monetary Law
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Assignments

Students are expected to participate in class discussion and to create a presentation on a self-selected topic. Presentations (20 to 30 minutes) will be held in groups of two to three students and will be integrated into the lecture's structure.

The course will be concluded with a final test of 45 minutes, covering aspects, which had been discussed in class.

Assessment Components

The final grade will be composed of a presentation (30 %), a test (30 %) and active participation in class discussion (40 %).

A minimum of 80% class attendance is required.

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

Expectations & Policies

Preparation for lively discussions in the classroom: 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 schedule including handing over to the lecturer.

Commitment in class: pay particular attention to the lecturer and respect differences of opinions (classmates', lecturers, local constituents engaged with on the visits).

Academic guidelines: Comply with academic integrity policies (such as no plagiarism or cheating, nothing unethical), especially the academic honour code and the student code of conduct (see *FAQs* on www.huwisu.de).

Attendance policy: No unexcused absences are permitted. Students must contact their class teachers to catch up on missed work – to excuse absence please contact the HUWISU office (80% class attendance are required).

Field trips: if classes involve a field trip or other external visits, these require attendance as well as appearance in time – transportation difficulties are never valid reasons for an excused absence.

Cultural Extra-curricular Activities

HUWISU offers a fine selection of interesting extra-curricular activities and aims to give all participants an unforgettable stay in Berlin. Your program includes excursions, sport activities and social gatherings providing you the opportunity to get to know the city, the university and your classmates better and to meet students from all parts of the world. The costs for these offers are included in the course fees. Below, you find examples of previously offered cultural activities. You will be informed about the respective cultural program after your enrolment via email as well as during the course period.

Political and historical guided tours:

- **Federal Chancellery (Bundeskanzleramt):** It's the central coordination point for the entire government policy. The office is in constant contact to departments and other authorities.
- **German Parliament (Bundestag):** As the highest organ of the legislative in Germany it's elected by the German people. In practice Germany is governed by a bicameral legislature, of which the Bundestag serves as the lower house and the Bundesrat equals the upper house.
- **House of Representatives (Abgeordnetenhaus):** It's the state parliament (Landtag) of Berlin and located in the center of the reunified city. Together with the Martin Gropius Bau, the Topography of Terror and the Bundesrat, it presents an arresting contrast to the flair of the new Potsdamer Platz.
- **Topography of Terror:** A permanent exhibition with focus on the central institutions of the SS and police during the "Third Reich" and the crimes they committed throughout Europe. With the help of mostly photographic material, visitors are led through the major themes of the exhibition's five main segments.
- **Political Archive:** As the "memory" of the Federal Foreign Office it preserves the files on German diplomacy since 1867, as well as the international treaties signed by the Federal Republic of Germany and its predecessors in title. The records are preserved, processed and made available for academic research.

Cultural guided tours:

- **Kreuzberg Tour:** Kreuzberg has emerged from its history as one of the poorest quarters in Berlin in the late 1970s to a cultural center of today's Berlin. A unique area and one of the hippest neighborhoods in Berlin with many bars, pubs and clubs.
- **Museum Island (Museumsinsel):** was awarded UNESCO World Heritage Status in 1999 and is an ensemble of five museums: Old Museum, New Museum, Old National Gallery, Pergamon Museum and Bode Museum.
- **Berlin Cathedral (Berliner Dom):** Berlin's largest and most important Protestant church is located on the Museum Island.
- **Daytrip to Potsdam:** Be inspired by the illustrious attractions of the UNESCO's World Heritage while under way through the city of Potsdam. Immerse yourself in the history and present of Potsdam and discover many palaces, gardens, and historic quarters such as the "Holländisches Viertel" or the "Nikolaikirche".
- **Exhibitions:** Berlin is known for its unique galleries and exhibitions, that is why we will visit at least one during the Summer University.

Social gatherings

- **Welcome Get-Together:** We invite you to meet all participants as well as the HUWISU staff in a relaxed atmosphere.
- **Boat trip:** Get to know Berlin from a completely new perspective and see Berlin's famous sights while floating along the river Spree.
- **Beach Volleyball:** A fun outdoor sport activity on long warm summer evenings for those who love to play and everyone who just want to enjoy watching the others play, lying in the sand, meet friends for some drinks, or simply relax in the middle of Berlin.
- **Biergarten:** You cannot leave Berlin without having experienced a Biergarten. The perfect place to finish off your busy day with a cool "Feierabend" drink.
- **Farewell Party:** At the end of the Summer University we will come together to celebrate the exciting time with HUWISU.

Your Instructor

Hanno Meyer is a research assistant at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, faculty of law. He is also a PhD candidate of Energy Law at *EWeRK institute*, Berlin. His research focus is on International Economic Law, Energy Law, Economic Regulation, International Investment Protection and Competition Law.