

Introduction to International Economic Law

25 July – 19 August 2022

CATEGORY Law & Economics

COURSE STRUCTURE

You will receive a total of 45 hours of academic lessons (one lesson equals 45 minutes; 15 hours per week). Lessons will comprise lectures, group work, discussion sessions, and excursions.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE (Track B)

- 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 LANGUAGE

This course is taught in English, including the readings. For the understanding of the texts and the discussions in class, language-level B2 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) is required.

TARGET GROUP

Advanced undergraduate law students and students with an academic background that qualifies them to participate in the course.

CREDITS = 5 ECTS

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

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Learning extends beyond your course! As a participant in HUWISU, you are invited to join our cultural and social programs. We offer a fine selection of interesting extra-curricular activities that aim to give all participants an unforgettable stay in Berlin. Through excursions, social gatherings, and sport activities, we are providing you with the opportunity to get to know the city, the university, and your classmates and to meet students from all parts of the world. The costs for these offers are included in the program fee.

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)
- German Parliament (Bundestag)
- House of Representatives (Abgeordnetenhaus)
- Topography of Terror exhibition
- Political Archive of the Federal Foreign Office

CULTURAL GUIDED TOURS

- Kreuzberg Tour
- Museum Island (Museumsinsel)
- Berlin Cathedral (Berliner Dom)
- Daytrip to Potsdam
- Exhibitions

SOCIAL GATHERINGS

- Welcome Get-Together
- Beach Volleyball
- Farewell Party

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 the schedule including handing them over to the lecturer.

Commitment in class: 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: 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.

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.

In this course common principles of International Economic Law will be examined by analysing leading decisions by international courts. Therefore a substantial part of the course will be dedicated to the discussion of cases 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.

READINGS

Reading materials will be available via Moodle during the course.

ASSIGNMENT INFO

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.

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 fulfill one of the mentioned components results in failure of the class.

YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Vasileios Kapetanios, 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.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Part 1: Foundations of International Economic Law

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

Part 2: International Trade Law

1. The GATT/WTO System
2. Basic principles of the GATT
3. Subsidies and dumping
4. Intellectual Property Law

Part 3: International Competition law

1. Principles of competition law
2. EU Competition law regime
3. US Competition law regime
4. Public and private enforcement of competition law

Part 4: International Investment law

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

Part 5: International Litigation

1. Principles of International litigation/procedural law
2. Conflict of laws
3. Jurisdiction
4. Enforcement of Judgments
5. International Arbitration

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