

<b>Course Title</b>	<i>Introduction to International Economic Law</i>
<b>Category</b>	Law & Economics
<b>Class Time</b>	<p><b>Winter Session: January 6<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2020</b></p> <p><b>Track C</b></p> <p><b>Weekly schedule</b></p> <p>Monday: 5.05 pm – 6.35 pm &amp; 6.45 pm – 7.30 pm            Tuesday &amp; Wednesday: 1.30 pm – 3 pm &amp; 3.20 pm – 4.50 pm            Thursday: 9.00 am – 10.30 am &amp; 11.00 am – 12.30 pm</p>
<b>Course Level &amp; Target Group</b>	Advanced undergraduate law students and students with an academic background that qualifies them to participate in the course and a strong interest in the topic.
<b>Course Language</b>	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 or higher (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) is required.
<b>ECTS</b>	5 ECTS (45 contact hours)
<b>Instructor</b>	Mr. Alexander Todorovic

## 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 analyzing leading decisions by international courts. Therefore a substantial part of the course will be dedicated to class room discussion of cases and reading materials.

## Course Objective & Learning Outcomes

The aim of this course is to identify and analyze the 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 the core branches of International Economic Law, the underpinning institutional frameworks and dispute settlement mechanisms.

## Readings

Reading materials will be distributed at the beginning of the class.

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## Course Schedule

### PART 1.: FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

1. International Economic Relations
2. International Economic Order
3. Sources of International Economic Law
4. Subjects of International Economic Law

### PART 2.: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER

1. The GATT/WTO System
2. International Corporate Law
3. International Investment
4. International Monetary Law

### PART 3.: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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## Assignments

In order to be granted 5 ECTS, students are required to

- participate actively in all classes,
  - to hold a presentation,
  - to write a test.
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## Assessment Components

A minimum of 80% class attendance is required. The final grade will be composed of active participation during class discussions as well as the other tasks given in class.

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

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## 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 honor code and the student code of conduct (see *FAQs* on [www.huwisu.de](http://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.

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## 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 will 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 Winter University.

### Social gatherings

- **Welcome Get-Together:** We invite you to meet all participants as well as the HUWISU staff in a relaxed atmosphere.
- **Ice Skating:** A fun outdoor sport activity for everyone; even for those who have never been on ice-skates before. Afterwards you may head out for hot beverage to warm up from the inside.
- **Farewell Party:** At the end of the Winter University we will come together to celebrate the exciting time with HUWISU.

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## Your Instructor

Alexander Todorovic is a member of the Berlin Bar Association specializing in the fields of civil and energy law. He is working as a research assistant at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, faculty of law. His research is focused on International Economic Law, Competition Law (the law of state aid and procurement law) and Energy Law.

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Please note that the course and its syllabus are subject to change. Last update: October 2019