

Syllabus

JOEU485XA0 International Economic Law - ECTS 6

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As regards the **second** suggested course, **international economic law**, the course is aimed at introducing the students into the main topics of the global economic governance. The course will focus on the general issues of international economic law as well as more specific issues dealing with commercial transactions (especially within the World Trade Organization framework) and international investment protection.

The **syllabus** of the course will be the following:

- Introduction and description of the course
- How do we define international economic law?
- International economic law: historical background
- Sources of international economic law
- International actors and international financial institutions
- WTO: the institutional setting
- WTO: the normative principles and standards
- WTO: dispute settlement mechanisms
- International investment law: background and sources
- Definition of investment and investor
- Standards of treatment of foreign investments
- Dispute settlement – umbrella clauses
- Legal consequences and reparation in international investment law
- International investment protection and public concerns

Readings/Bibliography

- Andreas Lowenfeld, *International Economic Law*, Second Edition, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2008, Chapters 3 - 13 and 15 – 17;
- Tanzi, Cristani (eds.), *International Investment Law and Arbitration: an Introductory Casebook*, CEDAM, 2013.

Teaching methods

The course will consist of seminars.

Assessment methods

The final examination, which will take place in oral form, is meant to assess the critical abilities and and language skills learned by the student.