Course: International Trade Policy

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Aims:

The aim of the course is to introduce students to the international economic environment of the EU and the position that the EU occupies in this environment. To that end, after a discussion on the phenomenon of globalisation and some basic features of the world economy today, the rules governing the multilateral trade system of the WTO will be discussed. Furthermore, the external economic competences of the EU, and the main features of the common commercial policy will be dealt with, as well as the relation between EU and WTO.

The course will further elaborate on the developments in the WTO since its creation in 1995, and more especially the results of the Ministerial Conferences of Seattle, Doha, Cancún and Hong Kong and the position of the EU in these negotiations. In this framework, the position of developing countries in the WTO will also be taken into account.

Students are expected to locate their own materials for their essays and presentations. The selection below is intended to be indicative of the type of materials easily available to you, and may give you ideas of the scope of the subject and possible also for essay topics.

Chapters in Text-books


Selected Articles


D. De BiÈvre and A. DÛr “Constituency Interests and Delegation in European and American Trade Policy”, Comparative political studies, 38, 10, 1271-1296.
P Guerrieri and I Caratelli, “EU's Regional Trade Strategy, the Challenges Ahead”, *The International Trade Journal* 20, 2, 2006, 139


**Websites**

[www.brook.edu](http://www.brook.edu) (Brookings Institution)
[www.bruegel.org](http://www.bruegel.org)
[www.ecipe.org](http://www.ecipe.org)
[www.europa.eu.int](http://www.europa.eu.int)
[www.ft.com](http://www.ft.com)
[www.kluwerlawonline.com](http://www.kluwerlawonline.com) (Journal of World Trade)
[www.oecd.org](http://www.oecd.org)
[www.weforum.org](http://www.weforum.org) (World Economic Forum)
[www.worldtradelaw.net](http://www.worldtradelaw.net)
[www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org)

**Course Outline (details to be announced later):**

**Session 1**
- Introduction
- Globalisation
- Some features of the world economy
- Chinese economy and the BRIC’s

**Session 2**
- Rules for the world economy
- The international economic institutions
- The WTO: functions, principles, history
- Structure and content of the WTO agreements
- Comparison GATT - WTO

**Session 3**
- EU external economic policy
- EU common commercial policy
Session 4
EU common commercial policy
Regional trade agreements

Session 5
Relationship between EU and WTO
Uruguay round
Doha Round
WTO reform

Session 6
WTO and developing countries
Lobbying in the WTO

Session 7 -12 Student presentations and discussions